

## TITUS & PHILEMON: PASTORAL WORDS OF PAUL

### A. AUTHOR: Paul

**B. BACKGROUND:** Paul wrote to Titus, pastor of a difficult church in Crete who were well-known to not live out their faith as seen in 1:12: Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons. He wrote to Philemon to explain why he should accept Onesimus, a runaway slave, back into his household.

**C. THEME:** God saves us by His grace and then begins to change a person's life.

### D. TITUS OUTLINE

#### 1. Introduction (1:1-4)

- a. Paul, a bondservant and apostle (1:1)
- b. The Priority of Preaching (1:3)
- c. Titus, a son in the faith (1:4)

#### 2. Setting Things in Order (1:5-3:14)

- a. Setting Leaders in Order (1:5-16)
  - The Elders' Qualifications (1:5-9)
  - The Elders' Task (1:10-14)
- b. Setting Their Ethics in Order (2:1-10)
  - Older Men (2:1-2)
  - Older Women & Younger Women (2:3-5)
  - Younger Men (2:6-8)
  - Slaves (2:9-10)

#### 3. Setting the Teaching on End Times in Order (2:11-15)

- a. Setting their Lives in Order (3:1-11)
  - 1). Respect for Authority (3:1-2)
  - 2). Response to the Saving Activity of Christ (3:3-8)
  - 3). Rejection of Foolish Controversies (3:9-11)

#### 4. Conclusion (3:12-15)

- a. Housekeeping Matters (3:12-13)
- b. Teach Your People to Be Givers (3:14)
- c. Greeting (3:15)

### E. PHILEMON OUTLINE

#### 1. Introduction (1-3)

- a. Paul is a Prisoner of Christ (1)
- b. To Philemon and the Church in Colossae (2)

#### 2. Thanksgiving (4-7)

- a. Praying for Philemon (4)
- b. Thanking God for His Love for God and the Saints (5-7)

#### 3. The Plea for Onesimus (8-22)

- a. Paul's Return of Onesimus (8-16)
  - Onesimus' Conversion (8-11)
  - The Return of Onesimus (12-16)
- b. Philemon's Reception of Onesimus (17-22)
  - Paul Pays Onesimus' Debt (17-19)
  - Paul Requests Full Restoration (20-22)

#### 4. Conclusion (23-25)

### F. REAL LIFE LESSONS FROM TITUS & PHILEMON

1. Claiming Christ and living for Christ should be synonymous.
2. Leadership in the church is a crucial assignment, and people should choose their leaders carefully.
3. Different seasons of life require different things of us as Christians.
4. Christians must practice forgiveness.
5. Our family includes all those who have trusted Christ.