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"Holding Fast the Word of Life"

Session 1

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"A shared mission and message"

Paul's greeting in this opening passage gives us a hint of what to expect in the rest of the Letter. Paul is called by God to a specific mission; the furthering of the faith of God's people, and that knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness. This is a message of a transforming faith that rests on the confident expectation ("hope") of eternal life. Paul shares this mission and message with Titus, his "true son of a common faith." This means they both share in the faith that they bring to others.

Over 1900 years later, we too are called to this same mission by God; both to live it and to share it. Is your faith being built up through the Word of God and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit? And if so, then are you on mission with Paul and Titus to share that message? If not God is calling you to "commit" to being a part of His kingdoms work on earth.

Passage: Titus 1:1-4

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: Titus 1:1

This verse talks about a life-transforming work of the truth of God that is far more than head knowledge. If we truly "acknowledge" the truth of God's Word in our hearts, and place our "faith" in Christ alone, what will be the result?

Scripture: Titus 1:2; Numbers 23:19

What is the “promise” that helps to keep us anchored in the truth so that our faith may grow unto godliness? What part of God’s character in these 2 verses helps us to hold confidently to that promise?

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-13

This verse is a powerful word on the vital part God’s Word plays in growing our faith and changing our character. In your own words, describe what these verses say about how the Word works to transform our lives.

Scripture: Titus 1:3

What part of this work of God’s truth was “committed” to Paul by God?

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:1-4

What is Paul's "charge" to Timothy about this same calling in verse 2 of this passage? Why is it so critical that Timothy (and us) take this charge seriously, according to verses 3 and 4?

Scripture: James 2:14-18

What does this passage in James have in common with Paul's word to us in Titus on the relationship between faith and the fruit of godliness? What is the difference between this and working for faith?

Personal meditation time with Jesus:

This opening passage is a challenge to go beyond simply believing; but to grow in a faith that transforms your life through the work of God's Word and the Holy Spirit. Does your life look different than when you first got saved? And are you sharing that life-transforming faith with others that they too might grow in the "grace, mercy, and peace" of Jesus Christ? If not, what changes must you make to become a part of what God wants to do in your life, not only for **your** sake, but for those your life could influence; your families, friends and church?

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to do a new work in your heart and through your life!

Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgement of the truth which accords with godliness, in the hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”

Titus 1:1