

This week we will be studying the book of Titus. One of the critical themes throughout the book is that sound doctrine and good deeds are interconnected. Leaders in the church are to watch their doctrine and their lives. Knowledge and practice are interconnected.

A healthy church is one that rightly understands the character of God and then, by God's grace, seeks to live in light of that reality in the strength that he provides. We are never going to be as healthy as we should be but we should strive toward this end.

One of the greatest problems we see in the church is that many claim to know God but by their deeds they deny him. We are to be the pillar and the support of the truth, by our words and works, so that God would be glorified, the church strengthened, and the unbelieving drawn.

Day 1 Sound Doctrine and Good Deeds

Day 2 Quality Leaders 1:5-9 and False Leaders 1:10-16, 3:9-11

Day 3 Quality Life among the people of God and the transforming work behind it 2:1-14

Day 4 How our redemption leads us to impact those around us 3:1-8

Day One

Read: Titus 1:1-4

Paul is a servant of God and apostle of Jesus Christ.

- **for the sake of the faith of the elect** (justification=saved by faith and declared right with God)
- **which accords with godliness** (sanctification=being saved by faith as God by His power transforms you and you seek to work out your salvation with fear and trembling)
- **in the hope of eternal life** (glorification=you will be saved because what God began in you he will perfect and this motivates you in the present and helps you keep your eyes on the future)

Paul presents his desire as a leader to lead a people to faith, to continue in the faith, and to see the fulfillment of their faith.

Do you think there's a danger of emphasizing one aspect of the ministry over the others? Why is it important to do all three?

Read: Titus 1:9, 1:13, 2:1-2, 8

Identify the repeated word(s) in this passage and mark them in a distinct way. What word(s) did you mark?

What does Paul want to make sure Titus is doing and why? How would you define sound teaching (doctrine)?

Read: Titus 1:16, 2:7, 2:14, 3:1, 3:8, 14

Identify the repeated word(s) in this passage and mark it in a distinct way. What word(s) did you mark?

How would you define good works?

How do you think sound doctrine and good works are interrelated?

Day Two – Read: Titus 1:5-16

What does Paul tell Titus to do in v. 5? Why?

Read over the list of qualities that should characterize elders. How would you describe these men to someone?

As a side note, this list is not comprehensive. There are other passages in Scripture that speak about elders. Also, no one would ever completely embody this list. Instead you might say that this would be their pattern of life. For instance, this does not mean a man is unfit if he lost his temper, but rather the pattern would be for him to be slow to anger and gracious toward others. At the same time elders' lives should be a pattern of faithfulness.

In v.9, what are elders to do?

Why do you think that a church needs leaders like this?

Who are the people mentioned in vv. 10-16 (if time permits look at 3:9-11)? How do their lives and teaching differ from the elders mentioned above?

Read v. 16: Are there many people in Texarkana that profess to know God but by their deeds deny him? Do you think that this type of Christianity is counterfeit?

Day Three

Read: Titus 2:1-10

List the different groups of people mentioned.

What are the older women to do with the younger women?

Do you think that this would also apply with the older men/younger men? What was Titus to be sure to do in vv. 7-8?

Do you think it is important to have examples in life?

If we at CCC embraced this type of ministry, what would it require of us as individuals? Please spend some time as a group discussing this.

Read: Titus 2:11-14

What do you learn about the grace of God? How does it train us?

In vv. 11-14, how would you define “the grace of God”?

Is your obedience a work of God? How is it a work of God?

How does a right understanding of the grace of God(sound doctrine) relate to an obedient life (good works)?

Day Four – Read: Titus 3

What is Titus to remind the people to do in vv. 1-2?

As the church interacts with one another and especially with those outside the faith, what are they to remember about their condition (3:3-7)?

How does that help you interact with others?

How does it humble you?