

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Titus Bible Study — Titus 1:1-11 Lesson #1

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Titus before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

1-3 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, **according to the FAITH of God’s ELECT** and the acknowledgment of the truth which is according to godliness, in hope of **eternal life** which **God, who CANNOT LIE**, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

- **Numbers 23:19** “God is _____ a _____, that He should _____, nor a son of man, that He should _____; has He said, and will He not _____ it? Or has He spoken, and will He not _____ it _____?”
- **I Peter 1:2** “_____, according to the _____ of _____ of the Father, in _____ of the _____, for _____ and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.”

Definition: “According to the FAITH of God’s ELECT” – ELECT or ELECTION means CHOSEN, that God CHOSE us to be SAVED without anything we did or can do. This means God chose us and our names are written in the Book of Life of JESUS, the LAMB of GOD, before we ever accepted Christ, before we were born, and even before God created the world. In Ephesians 1:5 it is called “being **PREDESTINED**” and in **I Peter 1:2** it is called being **ELECT**. Not only has God **CHOSEN US** before the world existed, but He **KNEW** (foreknowledge) **how He would save us through the death of His own Son, before He even created man or before man sinned.** Notice how in I Peter 1:2 all three persons of the Godhead are involved in our salvation. The Holy Spirit seems to do the work of sanctifying, but it is by the blood of Jesus, and all according to the Father’s plan from all eternity.

- **II Timothy 2:10** “Therefore I endure _____ things for the _____ of the _____, that they also may _____ the _____ which is in _____ with eternal glory.”
- **John 15:16** Jesus said, “You have _____ chosen Me, but I have _____, and ordained you that you should go and bear _____, and that your fruit should remain....”
- **John 6:65** “And He said, ‘Therefore I have said to you, that _____ one can _____ to _____ unless it has been _____ to _____ by My _____.’”
- **John 6:37** “All that the _____ Me will _____ to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by _____ means _____ out.”
- **Jeremiah 1:5** “_____ I formed you in the _____, I _____ you, and _____ you came forth out of the womb, I _____ you and I _____ you to be a _____ unto the nations.”
- **Romans 9:11** “For the children _____ yet being _____, nor having done any _____ or _____, that the _____ of _____ according to _____ (His choice) might stand, _____ of _____ but of Him who calls (chooses)...”

Definition: “God, who CANNOT LIE” – God is the God of truth and His WORD is TRUTH. It is not in His nature to lie, so we can have faith in His word being true. However, **the DEVIL is the one who is a liar and “The Father of Lies,”** and it is completely in Satan’s NATURE to be a liar and deceiver.

• **John 17:15-19** "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should _____ them from the _____. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. _____ them by Your _____. Your _____ is _____. As You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the _____."

• **John 8:44** "You are of your father, the _____, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does _____ stand in the truth, because there is _____ in him. When he speaks a _____, he speaks from his own _____, for he is a _____, and the father of _____."

• **James 1:17** "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the _____ of _____, with whom there is _____ or _____ of _____."

Definition: "There is NO VARIATION or SHADOW of turning" – This means that God, as the God of light and love, is always GOOD, and does not fluctuate between being good one moment, and evil the next moment. **He is not capricious or unreliable.** His character always remains the same - good, kind and loving! **God gets blamed for a lot of stuff that the devil does**, and in our faulty understanding of His ways, we often blame and accuse God of bringing evil upon us in our lives. Either that, or we confuse God's working with the receiving of the consequences for our own wrong actions and choices. We conveniently forget that His word says, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **For he who sows (plants seeds) to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption (will harvest a crop of rotteness, bad results, painful consequences).**"

4 To **Titus, my true SON in our common FAITH:** grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

• **II Corinthians 2:13** "I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find _____ my _____; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia."

• **II Corinthians 8:23** "If anyone inquires about _____, he is _____ and _____ concerning you. Or if our _____ are inquired about, they are _____ of the _____, the glory of _____."

Definition: "Titus, my true SON in our common FAITH" – Paul refers to Titus as his "son in the faith." He was not Paul's son by blood, but by faith in Christ. Paul probably helped Titus to come to Christ and be born again, so he feels like **his spiritual father** and calls him his "son" in that sense, but Titus is still his BROTHER in Christ, as well. Titus ministered with Paul, traveled with Paul on many occasions, and **was SENT by Paul to different churches** when Paul could not go himself.

• **I Corinthians 7:6 & 13-14** "Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the _____ of _____." (Verses 13-14) "Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of _____, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. For if in anything I have _____ to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as we _____ all things to _____ in _____, even so our boasting to _____ was found _____."

• **II Corinthians 12:18** "I urged _____, and sent our _____ with _____. Did _____ take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not walk in the same steps?"

5-9 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and **APPOINT ELDERS in every city as I commanded you** – if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

• **I Timothy 3:1-6** “This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the _____ of a _____, he desires a _____ work. A _____, then must be _____, the husband of one wife, temperate (self-controlled), sober-minded, of good _____, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, _____ greedy for _____, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who _____ his own house _____, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does _____ know how to _____ his own house, how will he take care of the _____ of _____?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation of the devil.”

• **I Peter 5:2-4** “_____ the _____ of _____ which is among you, serving as _____ (pastors, bishops), _____ by constraint (being forced) but _____, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; not as being lords over those _____ to _____, but being _____ to the _____; and when the chief _____ appears, you will receive the _____ of _____ that does not fade away.”

Definition: “APPOINT ELDERS in every city as I commanded you” – The word “bishop” means shepherd, one who cares for the sheep. It is the same as PASTOR and ELDER in the Bible. This is a very important and serious position for anyone to take, and they must love and take care of the SHEEP (members of the congregation) with the same love and care that Jesus shows us as the GOOD SHEPHERD. In the verses above, Paul recites a list of qualities that a bishop or ELDER MUST have.

• **John 21:15-17** “So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me more than these?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I _____ You.’ He (Jesus) said to him, ‘Feed My lambs.’ He said to him again a second time, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord, You _____ that I _____ You.’ He said to him, ‘Tend My _____.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me?’ Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’ And he said to Him, ‘Lord, You know all things; You know that I _____ You.’ Jesus said to him, ‘_____ My _____.’”

• **Ezekiel 34:11-12** “For thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I _____ will search for My _____ and seek them out. As a shepherd _____ for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered _____, so I will _____ for My _____ and will _____ them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.’”

10-11 For **there are many INSUBORDINATE, both idle TALKERS and DECEIVERS**, especially those of the circumcision, **whose MOUTHS must be STOPPED**, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, **for the sake of DISHONEST GAIN.**

• **Psalms 31:18** “_____ the _____ be _____ to _____, which speak insolent things _____ and contemptuously against the righteous.”

● **Psalm 120:2** “Deliver my soul, O Lord, from _____ and from a _____ tongue.”

● **II Timothy 3:13** “But _____ men and _____ will grow worse and worse, _____ and being deceived.”

Definition: “Many **INSUBORDINATE**, both idle **TALKERS** and **DECEIVERS**” – “**Insubordinate**” means disobedient, **NOT submitting to AUTHORITY**. Idle talkers means **GOSSIPS**, or also **what we call “talking smack” about someone**. **DECEIVERS** means those who **DELIBERATELY LIE**, especially **FALSE** teachers.

● **James 1:26** “If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not _____ his _____, but _____ his own _____, this one’s religion is useless.”

● **Proverbs 12:2-3** “A man shall eat well by the _____ of his _____, but the soul of the _____ feeds on violence. He who _____ his _____ preserves his life, but he who opens wide his _____ shall have destruction.”

● **Psalm 141:3** “Set a guard, O Lord, over my _____; keep watch over the door of my _____.”

● **Matthew 12:34-37** “..... For out of the _____ of the _____ the _____ speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an _____ man out of the _____ treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for every idle _____ men may _____, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your _____ you will be justified, and by your _____ you will be condemned.”

● **I Timothy 4:1** “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times [*before Christ returns*], some will depart from the _____, giving heed to _____ spirits and doctrines of _____.”

Definition: “**Whose MOUTHS must be STOPPED**” – The word of God has a lot to say about how we speak, and **what comes out of our MOUTHS, tongue and lips**. We must learn to control our MOUTHS and how we speak, or it could damage or even destroy our lives. **Also, those who are teaching WRONG doctrine (heresy) must be stopped, because they will harm other people’s lives**. People who are full of pride and their own SELF, and thinking so highly of themselves are the type of people who end up starting **CULTS**. They become obsessed with words or certain small things and ignore the truly important things of God’s word and the teachings of Jesus.

● **I Timothy 6:3-5** “If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to _____ words, even the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the _____ which is according to _____, he is _____, knowing _____, but is _____ with disputes and _____ over _____, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of _____ of _____ minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose the godliness is a means of _____ (profit). From such _____ yourself.”

● **II Timothy 2:14-15** “Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to _____ about _____ to no profit, to the _____ of the _____. Be _____ to present yourself _____ to God, a worker who does _____ need to be _____, rightly dividing the _____ of _____.”