

Titus

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Lesson 2

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Salutation (Greeting)

Tit. 1:1) Paul, a bond-servant of God and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

Questions

1. Does the greeting in verse 1 mean that God **chooses who** will be saved?
2. Do we have **volition (free choice)** about our faith in Jesus Christ and his work on the cross?

What does the bible say about the 2 questions?

(Answer to question 1) No! God does not choose who will be saved and those who will not. However, He knows who will accept the gospel beforehand and predestines and calls those to be conformed to His Son (Rom. 8:29).

(Answer to question 2) So, who will become saved? **Those who have faith in Jesus Christ. God gives us free choice to believe on Him or reject Him.**

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life".

John 3:18 "Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

1 John 2:2 and He, Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

God sent Jesus to live as a man. As a man, Jesus lived a sinless life and He lived according to the mosaic law, fulfilling the requirements of the law completely. No man had ever been able or will ever be able to do that.

When Jesus went to the cross to remove the condemnation of sin, He gave man the opportunity to accept his work on the cross by **Faith**. That is all he required of us. Once we have faith in him, we have eternal life through Him. Since God had foreknowledge from eternity past, He knew who would have faith in Him. He made plans for those that would have faith, way back in eternity past.

We were chosen because He foreknew we would have faith in Christ. We will receive a resurrection body through our identification with Christ and we may be conformed to the image of Gods Son.

God desires us to become Christ-like, so we will carry forth with His word. His plan for us can be realized only by learning and applying doctrine to our circumstances. But what if we chose not to live our lives in fellowship with him? God still allows our volition for how we choose to live our life. This verse makes that clear.

Psalms 81:12 "So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, to walk in their own devices".

God will let us live our life as we desire, but he will give us over to what we desire.
(Rom. 1:24-26)

What do you desire in this life? Is it wealth you are chasing? Is it power you desire? What do you put before God? God wants us to desire Him!

Was J.C. also chosen by God the father?

1 Peter 1:20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you.

Yes! God chose Jesus Christ. Jesus was the one who would go to the cross on Man's behalf. The perfect, sinless Son of God. He needed to be perfect in order to accomplish the work on the cross. He was the only man ever qualified.

Romans 8:29-30

(unfolding of God's Divine Decrees)

29) For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30) and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Titus 1:2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago

Is all eternal life talking about eternal salvation?

1 John 5:13 I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 6:47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

These are non-salvific! They are about the abundant life of believers. These are potential.

Rom 2:7 to those who, by perseverance in good work, seek glory and honor and immortality, eternal life.

Tit. 3:7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Matt. 19:29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Experiential Eternal life = (abundant life of believers)

Hope - GR "ἐλπίς, elpis," - the idea of hope as confidence in God "whose goodness and mercy are to be relied on and whose promises cannot fail"

It is a Confident expectation of the Eternal life God has promised us. He cannot lie!

God's veracity is manifested in his works.

His veracity is manifested in his Word in the OT and the NT. The fulfilling of the scripture shows man God's veracity. The history of mankind's interaction with God shows his faithfulness and truth.

Jesus says He is the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the father except by me. (John 14:6)

The Holy spirit is also mentioned in [John 16:13-14](#).

...when the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

All 3 members of the Trinity are mentioned in the Bible as the truth.

When God is called the truth, this is to be understood in its most comprehensive sense.

He is the truth in a metaphysical sense, that is, in the Godhead, He is perfectly realized. He is all that He as God should be, and as such is distinguished from all so-called gods, which are called vain and liars. (Ps. 96:5, 97:7)

He is the truth in an ethical sense, and as such, reveals Himself as He really is, so that His revelation is absolutely reliable. (Num. 23:19, Rom. 3:4)

He is also the truth in a logical sense, and in virtue of this, He knows things as they really are and has so constituted the mind of man that man can see the reality of this truth.

The truth of God is the foundation of all knowledge. God is the source of truth not only in the sphere of morals and religion, but also in the field of scientific endeavor.

The last aspect of God's divine perfection is of the greatest importance. God's faithfulness of which He is always mindful of His covenants and fulfills all the promises which He has made to His people. This is the utmost significance to us, as it is the ground of our confidence, the foundation of our hope and the cause for our rejoicing! This hope saves us from despair to which our own unfaithfulness might easily lead, giving us the courage to carry on in spite of our failures.

Jesus carried out the plan of God for mankind and is our hope, our high priest, our intercessor, our advocate and our peace.

The Holy spirit makes sure teaching is understood, He provides truth for the believer and convicts us in this life. He is the source of our power and intercedes for us.

All together Veracity!

We can be confident in our faith in God because He himself cannot go against Himself. It would prevent Him from being a just God, a righteous God, a truthful God. He in his very essence is what makes Him God.

Num. 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Tit. 1:3 but at the proper time manifested, even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,

God brought the New Testament canon of scripture to the world in the perfect time. God entrusted the establishment of his inspired word to certain men who would witness God's work on the cross and learn to live out the example set by Jesus Christ.

These men would be prepared to deliver this message and most were martyred for carrying this message forward. Paul was one of these men. He was entrusted by God. Remember, this was the man who had been killing Christians. God knew his heart and used Paul in a mighty way. God can use us also in a mighty way. Paul himself said he was the chief of sinners. (1 Tim. 1:15) The Angelic conflict rages on today and God uses believers to fulfill his plan. **Do you want to be entrusted with the word of God?**

He commands us to give his gospel to others in

2 Cor 5:19-20

Some of you may think, *What could I do? God wouldn't use me. I'm unqualified, too sinful, too broken, or whatever excuses we can think up. But didn't God use Paul, a murderer? Moses, a scared servant? Peter, a denier? Matthew, a hated tax collector? We are no different. God will use us!*

Tit. 1:4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Titus was lead to Jesus Christ by the Apostle Paul. His "true child in a common faith" refers to his relationship based on faith in Christ he shares with Titus. It is as a proud father to his son in the faith. Titus would have also looked up to Paul like a father figure.

"Common faith" (*Koinos in the Greek*) means "faith shared collectively".

The Bible is also translated from (*Koine*) Greek. The common language the scripture was shared in at the time.

Titus 1:4, This part of the letter addresses who it is written to (Titus) and from the Apostle Paul.

At the end it says "the Grace and Peace from God the father and Jesus Christ".

Notice that God's Grace always precedes Peace.

It is God's Grace that gives us Peace.

This is the order every single time in the Bible.

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