

## Episode #341 Titus 1 Part 2: The Hope of Life

I. The book of Titus is a personal letter of Paul to Titus, a leader among the believers on the island of Crete. He is instructed how to act as a leader, and also how to choose others as leaders over the believers in Crete. From these instructions, we learn much about how God wants His people to act in this dispensation of grace in which we live.

II. Let us see what Paul has to say to Titus in this important letter.

III. Titus 1:1-2. Paul's Introduction.

A. Titus 1:1.

1. Paul: the author, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Paul a slave (*doulos*) of God, yet an apostle (*apostolos*), a commissioned one.
2. Writing according to the faith of God's elect (*eklektos*, chosen) and the acknowledging (*epignosis*, further knowledge, response to knowledge, acknowledging) of the truth which is down along the lines *kata* of right living.

B. Titus 1:2. "Hope" of eternal life.

1. Eternal life is *eonian* life. I Corinthians 2:9.
2. Promised by God, Who cannot lie.
3. Promised when? NOT before the world/time began.
4. Eternal (*eonian*) life promised before *eonian* times (*pro chronon aionion*).

C. Titus 1:3. This book written in "due time."

1. The Word of God was manifested through Paul's preaching (heralding).
2. This Word was not committed to Paul by men, but by God our Savior.

IV. Paul is the inspired author of the book of Titus, but the true Author is the Holy Spirit Who was writing through him. He writes according to the expectation of eonian life which he and Titus both had. Do we have this same hope? This book was written in "due time" through Paul's heralding what was committed to him by God. Let us learn what God would have us to learn through this great book of Titus.