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Who was Titus?

- Galatians 2:1-3; 3: “Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek.”
- II Corinthians 2:1, 7:6, 7:14, 8:6-23; 12:18... “I urged Titus to go to you...we [act] in the same spirit...”
- II Timothy 4:10 “Titus [has gone] to Dalmatia”.

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Pastoral Letters

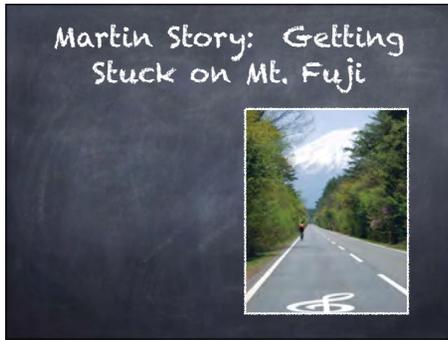
- Pastoral Letters were written by Paul “to give instruction concerning the pastoral care of churches”-- Zondervan
- Deal with Pastors & Churches

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Titus

Epistle of Guidance

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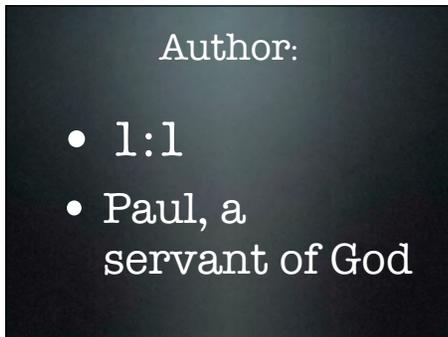
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Date Written:

- 64?

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- 1:4 Recipients:
- “To Titus”
- “My true son in our common faith...”

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- Purpose:
- Give Guidance to Titus
- Give warnings to Titus
- Give instructions to Titus

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Key Verse:

- 1:5
- “This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you...”ESV

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Key Chapter (Required Reading):

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- v. 4 - 7 “Classic summar[y] of Christian doctrine” (Zondervan 1849).

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TCF #1

- Doing what is good
- 1:16, 2:7, 2:14, 3:1, 3:8, 3:14

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TCF #1 continued

- 1:16, 2:14, 3:14
- Specifically challenges believers to do good works
- “Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good...”

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TCF #2

- 2:11-14; 3:4-7
- Again, summaries of what Christianity is all about:
- 2:11, “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.”ESV
- Classic Paul style

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TCF #3

- Luther: “This is a short epistle, but a model of Christian doctrine, in which is comprehended in a masterful way all that is necessary for a Christian to know and live.” (LW 35:389f in CCSV p. 1864)

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TCF #4

- The Epimenides Paradox
- A Paradox is “A **paradox** is a **statement** or group of **statements** that leads to a **contradiction** or a situation which defies **intuition**” (wikipedia)

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TCF #4 continued

- Epimenides was a Cretan poet.
- In his poem, Cretica, he writes about the God Zeus,
- “They fashioned a tomb for thee, O holy and high one
- The Cretans, always liars, evil beasts, idle bellies!”

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TCF #4 continued

- So, you’ve got a Cretan saying that Cretans are always liars.
- That’s the Epimenides paradox
- Paul quotes it in 1:12

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TCF #5

- Crete
- This is the fourth largest island in the Mediterranean
- Reputation of dishonesty, lazy, liars.

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TCF #6

- Chapter Two has an interesting passage about teaching to different types of people:
- 2:2 Teach the older men
- 2:3 Teach the older women
- 2:4 Train the younger women
- 2:6 Teach the young men
- 2:9 Teach the slaves

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Activity to Remember

Jeopardy!

God is the source of all of our joy:
Philippians 3: 7

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Life Lessons from Titus

- 2:11, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people."ESV
- Why is this an important verse? What does it say about your job as a Christian? What does it say about non-believers?

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