

Getting the GOLD

out of the Word of God



MESSAGE 4 – ABIDING IN GREEN PASTURES - THE STUDY OF A BOOK

 **TITUS A SHORT BOOK**, easy to read through at a single sitting.

Some say, “We live and learn.” Expand and think of the three chapters as :

[ch 1] **How to Live**, v. 7, [ch 2] **Look**, v. 13 and [ch 3] **Learn**, v. 14.
(Chap. 2:12,13 is the key for all 3 thoughts, ‘teaching’ ‘live’ ‘looking’)

① **LIVE.** THERE ARE TWO STYLES OF LIFE in the chapter.
In ch.1 the Pattern of life is seen in the Elder = (what we should be) [v. 5-9]
The contrast to this revealed by the Ungodly, (what we should not be) [v.10- 16]

★ **PICK OUT** an impressive, or **KEY WORD** in the Chapter
Then look for the same word elsewhere in Scripture, esp. in the Book itself. Use a good Concordance for this. [Young’s, if it has an Index]. Thus your Word Study can begin.
(e.g. **FAITH OCCURS** three times # in chap 1.)

1 **The Faith of God’s Elect** = DEFINITION of Faith, v.1.

2 **The Common Faith** = DISCIPLINE of Faith, v. 4

In the teaching which follows, CHARACTER is PUT FIRST, v. 6 - 8, before doctrine, v.9.
— BECAUSE sound DOCTRINE is already ASSUMED, v. 9. Doctrine is not left out:

3. **Sound in the Faith** = DOCTRINE of Faith v. 13.

These are three different views of the same faith, e.g. take the first:
LOOK UP “pisteuo” [to believe] the verb for Faith in the index to YOUNG’S to find three translations of word there (to **Believe**, **Trust** [m], **Commit** . . . i.e. in relation to Christ. This describes the Faith of God’s Elect.)
The second & third necessarily go with the first.

② **LOOK.** THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LORD’S COMING.
The beginning of the Chapter a continuation of ch 1.



Attention is given to **teaching**,

comp. **SOUND**: in doctrine v 1, in the faith, v 2, in speech, v 8.



3 KINDS OF TEACHING [Chap 2 has much about WORDS, v.1]

A) Teaching by **EXHORTATION**, v6.

Women can teach in given circumstances, v3,4.

Doctrine occurs in verses 1, 7,10 and the **Word** in v5.

- B] Through EXAMPLE, v7 The preacher must start with himself.
 Again works are before doctrine.v7. Example is a priority.
- C] From EXPERIENCE, v12 13.

➔ **HOPE OCCURS 3# IN TITUS.** (1 ref. per Chap)

- i] ETERNAL LIFE, [1:2 .]— FOUND IN THE WORD.
- ii] CULMINATES IN THE APPEARING OF CHRIST.[2:13]
- iii] JUSTIFIED BY... the work of the Cross. [3:7]

Look Up “elpis” in the Index of Young’s. The noun is translated “HOPE”
 [53 times in the NT, & “faith” once.] The verb includes “trust” (18 times).
 In the Bible, Hope = Assurance, and is related to Comfort. [cf Rom 15:4,15.]

- ③ **LEARN.** LEARN ABOUT SALVATION, 1–7.
 LEARN ABOUT CHRISTIAN DUTY, 8 – 15

★ Salvation. . . .

- (a) Ground of, v5. (b) Means of, v5.

Mark the 7 Blessings :
 SAVED, WASHED, RENEWED, ENRICHED [M], JUSTIFIED, HEIRS, GIVEN ASSURANCE.

★ Christian duty . . NOTE: 3 THINGS . . to affirm, to avoid, admonish, v.8-10

👉 **CHAPTER OUTLINE FOR THE WHOLE EPISTLE**

Ch 1 = The Worker. v5 (v6 - 8)

Ch 2 = Words.v1,15. Doctrine,v 1,7,10. [teaching,Gk]

Ch 3 = Works,v8,14 cp. v5. Thus attention is directed to works.

Contents of the Epistle in summary

A] Chap 1

- 1. The church, Presbyterian in government , v5.
- 2. A plurality of elders,v5.
 NB. Elders the same as Bishops. comp. v7.
- 3. Existence of elders helps toward the right establishment of the church, “order”, v5.

B] Chap 2

- 1. Lessons on practical things. We move from the subject of the church to that of the private individual in the church.
- 2. The church not congregational
- 3. ✂ some want to cut out the ref. to the Lord’ second coming. A part of the Gospel, v 11-14.
- 4. The deity of Christ, v13. The great God . . . Jesus Christ

C] Chap 3

The Epistle crystalizes into 7 great subjects:

- (i) The insp. of the Word, 1:1-3. (ii.) Gov’t of the church, 1:5–9,11. (iii) Respons’y of the individ, 2:1–10. (iv) The coming of the Lord, 2:13. (v) Deity of Christ, 2:13.
- (vi) Imp of justification, 3:7. (vii) Reproof of the heretic, 3:10,11.