

Our Common Faith

The manner in which Paul introduces himself in this letter to Titus is noteworthy. It is the second longest of his introductions (Romans is longest, Galatians is a distant third). And, more importantly, it offers us an inspired rationale for our own ministries.

As servants of God, we use our gifts and callings for the sake of...

1. The faith of God's elect
 - a. This concerns more than those who are already Christians! *See Titus 2*
 - b. The object of our faith is always the person and work of Jesus Christ

2. The knowledge of the truth
 - a. We are saved by God's mercy *Titus 2:11; 3:5 and Ephesians 2:8*
 - b. That we might not sin! *Titus 1:13;16; 2:11-14; 3:8*

3. In the hope of eternal life
 - a. Our faith always looks to our eternal future *Hebrews 11:13*
 - b. According to God's own infallible and ancient promises
 - c. Preached even today by Christ's command

Application:

1. Do we believe? Have we put our faith in the God who has revealed himself in scripture?

2. Do the truths that we believe result in godliness in our lives? Are we, in fact, being sanctified?

3. Do you know that you have eternal life?