

Grace and Peace

Paul is one of two people the Bible explicitly tells us to imitate. The first is Jesus himself. The second is Paul. In this letter, in which Paul gives Titus a very difficult ministry assignment, Paul shows us two essential features of his ministry.

1. How do we think about each other?
 - a. With optimistic confidence
 - b. In a permanent, nurturing bond

2. What is the objective of our ministry?
 - a. Grace
 - i. Of divine origin
 - ii. Inseparable from salvation
 - iii. Always prior to peace

 - b. Peace
 - i. Of divine origin
 - ii. Inseparable from salvation
 - iii. Always an effect of grace

Application:

1. How do we think about those with whom we minister? Or to whom we minister in the context of the church family?

2. Do we get grace and peace in the correct order? Are they the objectives in our ministry to others?

3. Do we strive to lead others to God in order for them to experience his blessings?