



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Titus 2: A Church of Good Doctrine	SPEAKER	DSP Edric Sng
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The book of Titus is a “Pastoral Epistle” written by Apostle Paul to his disciple, Titus. Paul had left Titus in Crete to appoint elders and build up the church. This letter emphasises the importance of godly living within a church, that reflects sound doctrine.

A Church of Good Doctrine

1) How we live should guide others to salvation (Titus 2:1-10)

In Titus 2:1, Paul urges Titus to teach “what is appropriate to sound doctrine”. Our lives should visibly display God’s transformative power. Unlike the rebellious, disobedient and detestable Cretans, we are called to live counter-cultural, counter-natural lives that reflect Christ’s grace.

Paul addresses specific groups of people - older men, older women, younger women and younger men - and provides instructions for living in Titus 2:1-8. In Titus 2:9, the instruction for slaves to be serving their masters reflects the highest form of Christian service - being bound by love.

Action that aligns with good doctrine gives credibility to our faith and helps us witness to the world. Our actions should lead others to Christ, showing them the power of God’s transformation. As Paul’s life was a testimony in Acts 20, our lives should be a visible witness of God’s work within us. When living in accordance with sound doctrine, we let the light of Christ shine through us, drawing others to Him. (Phil 2:14-15, Matt 5:16)

2) Your salvation should guide how you live (Titus 2:11-15)

Titus 2:11-15 reminds us that the grace of God brings salvation to all people. God’s grace teaches us to reject ungodliness and live upright, godly lives as we await Christ’s return. Jesus gave Himself to redeem us from sin and purify us, making us His people, eager to do good works.

CONCLUSION

Salvation is about how Jesus died for us, while sanctification is about how we live for Him (Eph 2:10). We have the blessed hope of Christ's return (Titus 2:13) and the promise of eternal life (Titus 1:2, 3:7). Through sound doctrine and transformed living, we can fulfil our calling as God's redeemed people, shining as His witnesses in this world, leading others to Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. Paul gives specific instructions for older men, older women, younger women, younger men and slaves in Titus 2:2-10. Which group do you identify with and how can the behaviours highlighted by Paul apply to your life today?

2. What does it mean to live as God's people in this world? How can we shine as lights in the world, as described in Phillipians 2:14-15 and Matthew 5:16?

3. In what areas of life do you sense God calling you to reject ungodliness and embrace a more godly way of living?