

Lessons From The Pastoral Epistles

Study One: The Key Title Of Saviour

God Our Saviour | Christ Our Saviour

- **1 Timothy 1:1** - "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of **God our Saviour**, and the Lord Jesus Christ which is our hope".
- **1 Timothy 2:3-4** - "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of **God our Saviour**; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth".
- **1 Timothy 4:10** - "For therefore we both labour and suffer... because we trust in the living **God, who is the Saviour** of all men, specially of those that believe".
- **2 Timothy 1:8-10** - "God; who hath saved us and called us... according to his own purpose... made manifest by the appearing of **our Saviour Jesus Christ**".

God Our Saviour

- **Psalms 106:21, Isaiah 63:20** - 'God Our Saviour' as a title, refers to God as **the source of salvation**, and identifies the Father as **the originator of salvation** for all men, which he had proposed for the outworking of His own special purpose to be manifested in a multitude of redeemed ones.

Christ Our Saviour

- **Philippians 3:20, 2 Peter 2:20** - 'Christ Our Saviour' as a title, refers to Christ as **the means of salvation**, and identifies the Son as being **the instrument of salvation** for all men, by declaring the righteousness of God, and in being made sin for us, by which God reconciled the world unto Himself.

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- **Titus 1:3-4** - "which is committed unto me according to the commandment of **God our Saviour**... Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour**".
- **Titus 2:10-13** - "that they may adorn the doctrine of **God our Saviour** in all things... Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and **our Saviour Jesus Christ**".
- **Titus 3:4-6** - "But after that the kindness and love of **God our Saviour** toward man appeared... according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing... which he shed on us abundantly through **Jesus Christ our Saviour**".

God As Saviour Manifested In Jesus

- **Isaiah 45:21-24** - "a just God and a **Saviour**. Look unto me and be ye **saved**, all the ends of the earth: for **I am God** and **there is none else**. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness... That **unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear**. Surely, shall one say, **in the LORD have I righteousness and strength**".
- **Philippians 2:9-11** - "Wherefore God also hath... given him a name which is above every name: That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that **every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father**".

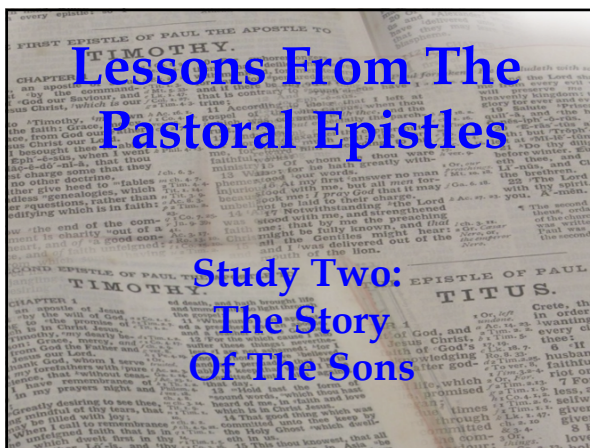
God Would Save Through His Son

- **Matthew 1:21-23** - "And she shall **bring forth a son**, and... shalt call his name **Jesus**: for **he shall save his people from their sins**... Emmanuel... **God with us**".
- **John 3:16-18** - "For **God so loved the world**, that he gave **his only begotten son**... not... to condemn the world: but that **the world through him might be saved**".
- **Acts 3:26** - "Unto you first, **God**, having raised up **his son Jesus**, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities".
- **1 Thessalonians 1:10** - "the living and true **God**, and to wait for his son from heaven, whom he hath raised from the dead, **even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come**".

The Integrity Of God As Saviour

- **1 John 4:9** - "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God **sent his only begotten Son** into the world, **that we might live through him**".
- **1 John 4:10-11** - "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and **sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins**. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another".
- **1 John 4:14-15** - "And we have seen and do testify that the Father **sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world**. Whoso shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he is in God".

Rested On The Conduct Of His Son



The First Appearance Of Timothy

- **Acts 16:1-3** - "Then came he to... Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple... named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed... well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; **and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters**: for they knew all that his father was a Greek..
- In this first appearance of Timothy, the episode concerns the need for thoughtful care of others when advancing the gospel of grace, and a concern to do nothing that might disadvantage the preaching. Here is the character of Timothy.

The First Appearance Of Titus

- **Galatians 2:1-5** - "I went up again to Jerusalem... and took Titus with me also... But neither Titus, who was with me being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised... and that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour".
- In this first appearance of Titus, the episode reflects a robust spirit of no compromise against those who sought to undermine true liberty in Christ, and a firm, unyielding stand on a matter of vital doctrine. Here is the spirit of Titus.

Timothy and the 2nd Preaching Campaign

- **1 Thessalonians 3:1-7** - Timothy was sent to nurture the fledgling ecclesia in Thessalonica.
 - **Acts 18:5, 19:22, 20:1,4** - On at least three occasions Paul would send Timothy to the warm and friendly ecclesias of Macedonia.
 - **1 Corinthians 16:10-11** - When Timothy did visit Corinth, Paul was concerned that they did not frighten him.
 - **Philippians 2:19-23** - Timothy's visit to Philippi shows his spirit, which was to comfort, build and encourage.
- Care** - *merimnao* - the anxious care of tender solicitude

Titus and the 3rd Preaching Campaign

- **Galatians 2:1-6** - Titus visited Jerusalem with Paul, and shared his resolute stand against the Judaisers.
 - **2 Corinthians 7:6-15** - After the first epistle to Corinth had been sent, and possibly after the visit of Timothy, Paul sent Titus to sternly rebuke the ecclesia. When he visited, they were in fear of him.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:16-17** - Paul sent Titus back on a second delicate mission to complete the Jerusalem Poor Fund Collection in Achaia. His visit to Corinth reveals his spirit which was to reprove, invigorate and redirect.
- Care** - *spoude* - the zealous care of fervent passion

Pastoral Advice To Timothy As A Son

- 1 Timothy 1:18-19 • 1 Timothy 4:6-7
 - 1 Timothy 5:21-23 • 1 Timothy 6:11-14
 - 1 Timothy 6:20-21 • 2 Timothy 1:13-14
 - 2 Timothy 2:1-2 • 2 Timothy 2:15-16
 - 2 Timothy 3:14-15 • 2 Timothy 4:1-2,5
- Timothy was to hold faith, put the brethren in remembrance, remain impartial and pure, follow after righteousness, avoid oppositions of science, hold fast sound words, be strong in grace, continue in the scriptures, and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine, and watch in all things.

Pastoral Advice To Titus As A Son

- Titus 1:5 • Titus 1:10-11
 - Titus 1:12-14 • Titus 2:1
 - Titus 2:15 • Titus 3:1-2
 - Titus 3:8-9 • Titus 3:10-11
 - Titus 3:14
- Titus was to set things in order, rebuke deceivers sharply, ignore Jewish fables, speak sound doctrine, shew a pattern of good works, rebuke with all authority, remind brethren to be subject to civil powers, affirm the truth, refuse heretics after proper admonition, and teach saints to profess honest trades.

The Personal Example Of Timothy

- 1 Timothy 4:12-15 – “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine... Meditate upon these things: give thyself wholly to them”.
- Timothy was an excellent example of all that he stood for. He was patient and wise in resolving difficulties, outstanding in the thoughtful reading and exposition of the scriptures, faithful and vigilant in maintaining sound doctrine, helpful in encouraging others and nourishing the community, and exemplary in his own personal standards of behaviour and conduct”.

The Personal Example Of Titus

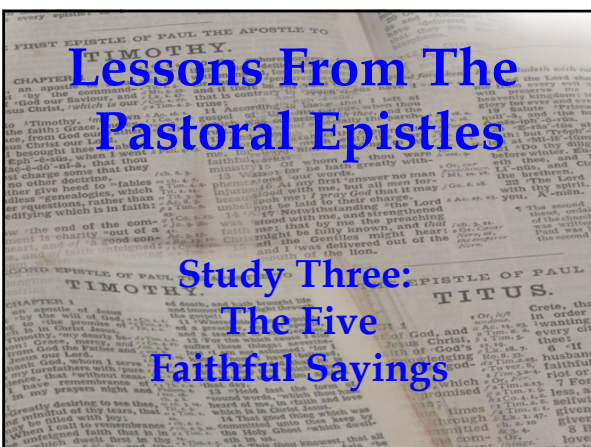
- 📖 **Titus 2:7-8,15** - "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you... Let no man despise thee".
- 📖 Titus was a wonderful pattern of all that he taught. He was diligent in labour and energetic in activity, resolute in his determination and commitment to the Truth, capable of dealing firmly and decisively with unruly personalities, resourceful in his initiatives and zealous in their accomplishment, and self controlled in the personal discipline and order of his own life.

A Father Sending His Own Son

- 📖 **Romans 8:3** - "God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh".
- 📖 **Romans 8:32** - "He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?".
- 📖 **1 Timothy 1:2** - "Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord".
- 📖 **Titus 1:4** - "To Titus, God; mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour".

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Study Three: The Five Faithful Sayings



The 2nd Saying And Childbearing

- **1 Timothy 2:15** - "she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith".
 - Saved **in spite of** childbearing, i.e. saved despite the difficulty of childbearing
 - Saved **on account of** childbearing, i.e. saved because of having children
 - Saved **because of** (the) childbearing, i.e. saved through the birth of Christ
 - Saved **by way of** childbearing, i.e. saved through the sister's role
- Woman is to give support and nurture, and thus know the pain of empathy and the anxiety of care, but she has been endowed with the skill of intuition and the gift of emotion to fulfil these. This 'maternal instinct' is 'the childbearing' role she is blessed with.

The 4th Saying And Scripture

The Hymn

For if we be dead
with him, we shall
also live with him

If we suffer, we shall
also reign with him

If we deny him,
he also will deny
us

If we believe not,
yet he abideth
faithful

The Scriptural Basis

Romans 6:8 - "Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him".

Romans 8:17 - "heirs with Christ... if... we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together".

Matthew 10:33 - "whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father".

Romans 3:3 - "For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God of none effect?".

The 5th Saying And Renewing

- **Romans 12:2** - "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by **the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God".
- **2 Corinthians 4:16** - "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet **the inward man is renewed** day by day".
- **Ephesian 4:23-24** - "And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness".
- **Colossians 3:10** - "And have put on the new man, which is **renewed in knowledge** after the image of him that created him".

The Five Faithful Sayings

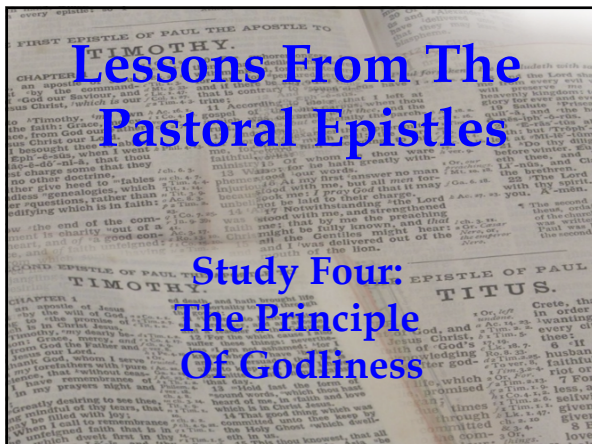
- **1 Timothy 1:15-16 - Confessing Our Need**
Beginning our walk towards the **salvation** of life everlasting, by the recognition of our sinful state, and by thankful **belief** in the sacrifice of Christ.
- **1 Timothy 2:13-15 - Accepting Our Role**
Seeking **salvation** by continuing in that sphere of activity appointed by God for the outworking of our **belief**, and the proof of our love.
- **1 Timothy 4:8-10 - Committing Our Life**
Striving to develop the spirit of godliness as the focus of our labour, and the response of our **belief** towards the **salvation** of God.

The Five Faithful Sayings

- **2 Timothy 2:10-15 - Preserving Our Faith**
Obtaining **salvation** by enduring trial, and suffering with Christ, as the pledge of our commitment to not deny our Lord who always abideth **faithful**.
- **Titus 3:4-8 - Renewing Our Mind**
Responding to the mercy of God's **salvation**, by the renewal of our minds in the word, and by our **belief** unto the hope of eternal life.

The Sayings & The Statement Of Faith

- The recurring twin theme of the 'faithful sayings' is that of the gracious offer of God in the matter of **salvation**, and the vital response of **belief** in the heart and life of the individual. This idea is enshrined in our Statement of Faith.
- **Clause 13** - "That on the third day, God raised him from the dead, and exalted him to the heavens as priestly mediator between God and man, in the process of gathering from among them a people who should be **saved** by **belief** and obedience of the truth".
- **Clause 16** - "That the way to obtain this **salvation** is to **believe** the gospel they preached, and to take on the name and service of Christ".



Godliness In Peter's Final Epistle

- 📖 **2 Peter 1:3** - "his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and **godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory".
- 📖 **2 Peter 1:6-7** - "And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience **godliness**; and to **godliness** brotherly kindness".
- 📖 **2 Peter 2:9** - "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the **godly** out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished".
- 📖 **2 Peter 3:11** - "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and **godliness**".

Godliness In The Pastoral Epistles

- 📖 Godliness (*eusebeia*) in the Pastoral Epistles is God likeness, the personal, and ecclesial behaviour of those who adorn the doctrine of God in all things.
- 📖 *eusebeia, eusebeo, eusebos, theosebia (godliness)*
 - 1 Timothy 2:2,10, 3:16, 4:7,8, 5:4, 6:3,4,5,11
 - 2 Timothy 3:5,12
 - Titus 1:1, 2:12
- 📖 *asebia, asebes (ungodliness)*
 - 1 Timothy 1:9
 - 2 Timothy 2:16
 - Titus 2:12

Great Is The Mystery Of Godliness

- **John 1:14, Romans 8:3, Hebrews 2:14**
Manifested in the flesh
- **Mark 16:6, Romans 1:4, 1 Peter 3:18**
Justified in the spirit
- **Mark 16:9-14, Acts 1:2-3, 1 Corinthians 15:4-8**
Seen of angels
- **Mark 16:15, Romans 16:25-26, Ephesians 3:5-9**
Preached unto the Gentiles
- **Mark 16:16-17, John 3:16-18, 1 John 5:10**
Believed on in the world
- **Mark 16:19, Luke 24:26, 1 Peter 3:22**
Received up into glory

The Doctrine Of Godliness At Work

1 Timothy 2:1-3
Godliness is the sense of learning to live tranquilly amidst an evil world

1 Timothy 4:7-8
Godliness is the determined exercise of spirituality so as to excel

1 Timothy 6:3-8
Godliness is a mental state independent of our actual material condition

2 Timothy 3:10-12
Godliness is the secret of faithful endurance, resolute despite persecution

Titus 2:10-14
Godliness is the spirit of renouncing the past and committing to the future

Godliness With Contentment

- **Genesis 28:20-21** - "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on".
- **Proverbs 30:8-9** - "Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me".
- **Philippians 4:11-12** - "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content... I am instructed... both to abound, and to suffer need".
- **1 Timothy 6:6-8** - "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing in... And having food and raiment let us be content".

Godliness With Contentment

- Godliness with contentment is seen in the spirit of the believer who is **thankful for sufficiency to enable continued worship**, and for that same sufficiency to avoid the excesses of materialism. It seeks to avoid the care of too much, or the concern for too little.
- Godliness with contentment is a mental state that exists independent of our actual material condition.
- Godliness with contentment is the secret learned by the saints, to develop a perspective which is focused on how best to magnify God. The life that now is, is a pilgrimage in which **all things of the present are but for today**. The blessings and gifts of each day should be valued for how they might serve God's purpose.

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Study Five: The Time Of Departure

The Witness Prophecies

- **Matthew 24:14** - "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for **a witness unto all nations**; and then shall the end come".
- **Acts 1:8** - "And ye shall be **witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and **unto the uttermost parts of the earth**".
- **Acts 22:15,21** - "For thou shalt be **his witness unto all men** of what thou hast seen and heard... for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles".
- **Acts 23:11** - "And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, **so must thou bear witness also at Rome**".

The Inspiration Of Stephen

- 📖 **Luke 23:33-34** - "And when they to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him... Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do.** And they parted his garment, and cast lots".
- 📖 **Acts 7:58,60** - "and cast him out of the city and stoned him... And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, **Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.** And when he had said this, he fell asleep".
- 📖 **2 Timothy 4:16-17** - "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: **I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.** Notwithstanding the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me".

The Inspiration Of Stephen

- 📖 **Acts 7:2** - **Stephen**
"And he said, **Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken;** The God of glory appeared unto our father".
- 📖 **Acts 22:1** - **Paul**
"**Men, brethren, and fathers, hear** my defence which I make now unto you".
- 📖 **Acts 7:57-58** - **Stephen**
"Then they **cried out with a loud voice...** cast him out of the city... **laid down their clothes**".
- 📖 **Acts 22:22-23** - **Paul**
"Then **lifted up their voices,** and said, away with such a fellow... they **cried out, and cast off their clothes**".

The Inspiration Of Stephen

- 📖 **Luke 23:45-46** - "and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the spirit".
- 📖 **Acts 7:58-59** - "and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling and saying, **Lord Jesus, receive my spirit**".
- 📖 **2 Timothy 4:16-17** - "Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren. **The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit.** Grace be with you all. Amen".
