

Saved to Serve

Read: Titus 1:1-9

Main Idea: Being saved in Christ means being transformed into servant leaders; our faith is not merely personal but communal, aiming to build up the Body of Christ through godly living and service.

Key Verses: “Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began” (1:1-2)

Key Principles:

- Servanthood to God reflects humility and authority, as Paul identifies as a slave and apostle to promote faith, truth, and godliness among believers.
- Eternal hope in Christ, promised by an unchanging God, motivates a life of proclamation and endurance in the face of opposition.
- The Church requires appointing leaders who model integrity in family and community to counter false teachings and foster sound doctrine.
- Godly conduct for God’s servants avoids self-indulgence, emphasizing stewardship of God’s household through hospitality and self-control.
- True character in leaders involves loving good, pursuing justice, and holding firm to the gospel to encourage and refute errors.
- Convictions rooted in Scripture equip leaders to instruct the church, ensuring unity and protection from deceptive influences.

Discussion:

1. How does this passage demonstrate the connection between personal salvation and a calling to serve others? What might this mean for our own sense of purpose?
2. In what ways might cultural pressures tempt us away from the hope of eternal life, and how can embracing our calling guard our involvement in church ministry?
3. When has understanding God’s promise of eternal life led to purposeful action in your life? Why should you share the gospel in the midst of life’s challenges?
4. Considering the need for integrity in leadership, how can we rely on God’s grace rather than our own strength when facing family or church responsibilities?
5. How do stories of transformation through Christ in our group build thankfulness for our shared faith, inspiring confidence in serving the Body of Christ?
6. Why does upholding godly convictions now prepare us for lasting impact, and how might deepening our character reflect obedience to God?

Prayer:

- Pray for hearts to embrace our calling as servants in Christ.
- Pray for
 - Strength for our leaders to lead with integrity in family and church.
 - Us to uphold godly standards through conduct, character, and convictions.
 - Kingdom priorities that foster deeper faith and impact through our service.

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| I. | <u>Embrace your calling.</u> | 1:1-3 |
| 1. | Proclaim the <u>promise</u> of <u>eternal life</u> . | 1:1-2 |
| 2. | Proclaim the <u>truth</u> of <u>God's word</u> . | 1:3 |
| II. | <u>Lead with integrity.</u> | 1:4-6 |
| 1. | Be faithful to the <u>church</u> . | 1:5 |
| 2. | Be faithful to your <u>family</u> . | 1:6 |
| III. | <u>Uphold godly standards.</u> | 1:7-9 |
| 1. | <u>Practice</u> godly <u>conduct</u> . | 1:7 |
| 2. | <u>Develop</u> godly <u>character</u> . | 1:8 |
| 3. | <u>Maintain</u> godly <u>convictions</u> . | 1:9 |

NEXT WEEK:
Serving Through Confrontation
Titus 1:10-16