

## Who wrote?

- (... Paul... servant... apostle...)
- Paul
- Servant of God
- Apostle of Jesus Christ

## Why write?

- (... faith... knowledge... godliness...)
- For the faith - for the purpose of furthering, nurturing, growing, increasing....
- Faith and knowledge
  - both together, not one or the other...
  - faith is trust, and "God's elect" emphasises God's choosing, the wisdom of entrusting ourselves to him
  - knowledge of the truth - what we believe, and where it is rooted matters...
- Together they result in **godliness**

## What written?

- (... hope of eternal life)
- Of the "hope of eternal life"
  - ultimately that is the Cross

## When writing about?

- (... past promise... future hope... current application...)
- Faith is rooted in God's activity in the past
  - looks towards the fulfilment of God's activity in the future
  - but is neither lost in history nor merely living for tomorrow - "at the appointed time..."

## Where written to?

- (... Titus (Crete)... true son...)
- To a particular person and situation
  - where the most important connection is the common faith, and Paul's trust in the reality of Titus' commitment to Christ - more than simply friendship

## Conclusion

- (Grace... Peace...)
- For Titus first of all Paul desires:
  - grace - unmerited
  - peace - wholeness
- We are in the same boat as Titus - whatever our responsibility, whatever we have to work at grounding our faith on, growing, whatever...
  - God's desire for us is first to know grace
  - and second to know peace/shalom/wholeness