

TEXT: Titus 1:1-4

In giving instruction to Titus, Paul points out some key truths that help us to understand the quality of the Christian life. He says that:

I. Calling produces Faith (1:1)

- A. Election, or _____, is something which God sovereignly does and which does not change (Ro. 11:29).
- B. It is based upon God's perspective, not on the passage of time (1 Pet. 1:1-2; Ro. 8:29) but it is communicated for our understanding as a progression.
- C. It is not based upon our _____ (Ro. 5:8).

II. Knowledge produces godliness

- A. God does _____ reveal Himself or His truth in order to satisfy our curiosity, it is for us to live godly lives. (1 Tim. 6:5-6; 6:11).
- B. The purpose of God's revelation of His truth is so that we may live as _____ people (2 Pet. 3:11)

III. Promises produces Hope

- A. Hope in the New Testament is not subjunctive, there is _____ any doubt as to its fulfillment; therefore, it is not "I hope it happens."
- B. Hope is always certain because it is based upon God's _____, and He "cannot lie" (Titus 1:2)
- C. Thus, we can be sure of Christ's return and call it a "_____ Hope" (Titus 2:13).

IV. Grace produces peace (1:4)

- A. Peace, from the human perspective, is always _____. Nationally it is often dependent upon preparation for war...a good defense.
- B. But peace, from the believer's perspective, is _____, because the battle is Won! (Col. 2:15).
- C. Thus, we have peace that surpasses comprehension, _____ us (Phil. 4:6-7).