

Firmly Rooted

Overview

As we close up the book of Titus we again review the key themes of biblical leadership, sound doctrine, and godly living. A church that is firmly rooted confronts gospel distractions, pursues good works, and depends on the grace of God. But, at the end of the day, any growth for our church comes only by God's grace.

Introduction

In most areas of life we take stock of where we are at and pursue mid-course corrections. It should be the same in our spiritual lives. How are we doing as a church? Are there ways we need to adjust to better align with God and his Gospel? We have sought to answer such questions in this study of Titus.

Our passage today again brings up the three themes of biblical leadership, sound doctrine, and godly living.

1. Confront Gospel Distractions [Verses 9-11]

Although we do our best to shepherd through Gospel distractions, sometimes the best thing is to avoid them altogether and eventually we may need to confront the source. This passage gives us instruction on how to do that best. See also Matthew 18.15-17; II Thessalonians 3.14-15; II Timothy 2.24-26.

Diagnostic Question: Is leadership and the church as a whole effectively identifying and removing Gospel distractions?

2. Pursue Good Works [Verses 12-14]

A church is full of transformed people. That change that has been done in us is always on its way through us to others. A church that is firmly rooted seeks to impact the world around it.

Diagnostic Question: Are we growing in active love for God and people?

3. Depend on God's grace [Verse 15]

No matter where we are going as a church we cannot get there apart from the grace of God.

Reflection Questions

1. Of the themes and passages in Titus, which have most encouraged you and why?
2. Of the first diagnostic, [Is leadership and the church as a whole effectively identifying and removing Gospel distractions?] how would you answer that for our church and for yourself personally?
3. Of the second diagnostic, [Are we growing in active love for God and people?] how would you answer that for our church and for you personally?
4. What does depending on grace practically look like for a church and for everyday life?
5. Identify one final takeaway from our overall study in Titus.