

Bible Reading for Scholars

Titus and Timothy had teaching functions within the church, and the role modern theologians fulfill in the church overlaps with the role they had. In this session, we will use technical scholarship and close reading of the Greek to bring out the transforming message of Titus and 2 Timothy for the teachers of the church, and how one of the main concerns of Paul is that the church learns to think in a sound way. The goal of this session is to demonstrate how close Biblical theology, Greek studies, and devotional reading can be.

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I. Introduction: The Alienating Effect of Scholarship

- A. What is the difference between Bible study and Biblical scholarship

- B. How do we get beyond presenting the various options presented by scholarship?
 - 1. Tension between honesty and indecisiveness

 - 2. Speaking from what we know and have internalized

 - 3. Our authority and the authority of Scripture (Mark 1:22)

II. Titus 1: The Word we are teaching

- A. Handing down of the Word is not a process of change

- B. On sentence division

<p>Titus 1:1 Παῦλος δοῦλος θεοῦ, ἀπόστολος δὲ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ κατὰ πίστιν ἐκλεκτῶν θεοῦ καὶ ἐπίγνωσιν ἀληθείας τῆς κατ' εὐσέβειαν ² ἐπ' ἐλπίδι ζωῆς αἰωνίου, ἣν ἐπηγγείλατο ὁ ἀψευδὴς θεὸς πρὸ χρόνων αἰωνίων, ³ ἐφάνερωσεν δὲ καιροῖς ἰδίοις τὸν λόγον αὐτοῦ ἐν κηρύγματι, ὃ ἐπιστεύθη ἐγὼ κατ' ἐπιταγὴν τοῦ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν θεοῦ,</p>	<p>Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began ³ and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;</p>
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C. Authority by command

III. The virtue that is most required

A. Frequency

B. Romans 12:3

C. Correct translation

IV. Titus 2: The teachers taught by grace

A. Teaching in Titus 2

B. Taught by grace

1. For redemption

2. Implications

C. Waiting for the one who loves us