Life in Community Series A Sovereign Grace Community Titus 1:1-4

- I. A Brief Word about Titus
 - A. Much less is known of him than Timothy
 - B. Likely younger than Paul, but older than Timothy
 - C. Was a "troubleshooter" (Paul chose him to deliver the difficult message to the Corinthian church 2 Corinthians 2:7:6-16)
 - D. Quite possibly a direct convert of Paul's evangelistic work
 - E. Quite possible a solider/official in the Roman military (this is difficult to demonstrate with certainty)
- II. The Purpose of Paul's Servanthood and Apostleship (1)
 - A. For the faith of those chosen of God
 - 1. Chosen "select, favorite, elect"
 - 2. By God Himself for His own purposes and pleasure
 - B. The Knowledge of the truth
 - 1. Insight into spiritual, Scriptural things
 - 2. According to godliness (no separation of the theological from the practical)
- III. The God-Oriented Picture of Eternal Life (2-4)
 - A. The hope of eternal life
 - 1. Promised by God
 - 2. Who is always and fully true
 - 3. "Before eternal times" God's intention before the creation itself
 - B. It is a life which is proclaimed
 - C. By extension Titus is called upon to continue the proclamation of the sovereign, eternal work of God unto hope and salvation in Jesus Christ