



Titus is about God’s plan for establishing **His** church. (2:10)  
We are to live so that the truth about a God who saves sinners from their sin is made visibly verifiable by **our lives** as His church.

This may be God’s truth, but it is only going to be effective when it is **realized** in us.

## The Foundation

The foundation of God’s church is **God’s Word** – the truth, the doctrines of God’s Word – specifically the incredible truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ. (1:1-3; 2:11-14; 3:3-8)

We are saved from our sins by a free gift of **grace** – something only God can do in us.

The gift of grace involves the gift of a new **heart**.

We naturally **abandon** everything else to experience Him – this is the only proper response to the revelation of God in the gospel.

2 Peter 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:13

## The “Furnishings”

The **people** in a church based on the gospel that exalts God and our need for Him must also fit God’s blueprint for His church. (3:8; 2:12)

God’s blueprint for the people in His church includes that which is “in **accord with** sound doctrine.” (2:1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9)

God’s blueprint for the church that is His includes two clear realities:

- 1) From the outset you need to commit to **believe** whatever Jesus says.
- 2) You must commit to **obey** what you have heard.

Whether it involves fame or hardship or both or neither is not up to **us**. But if God’s gospel is critical as the foundation of God’s church, then God’s people as they commit in response to that gospel to believe and obey whatever Jesus says are just as **crucial** to the blueprint.

## The Structure

The structure of the church’s corporate life together is tightly tied to the content of the gospel (the message) and the **communication** of the gospel is tightly tied to the structure of the corporate church’s life together.

(5:1, 9)

Elders – plural – from **within** the churches – encouraging and refuting with sound doctrine.

Structure won’t matter if the foundation is **wrong** or even weak.

- Is the gospel you believe the gospel of the **Word**?
- Are you growing in the depths of its truth to the point that you can tell when what you hear is not **truth**? To the point that you will stand for what the **church** should be because of what the gospel is?

Structure also won’t matter if the ‘furnishings’ don’t **match**.

- Do you come together week to week to hear what the Word says and **evaluate** whether you’ll do it? Or are you beginning to come already submitted to what God says and listening for how to **obey** it in your life?

Fairway will always be not what we **want** it to be – but what we **are** being.

Let’s be a people that make the truth about God our Savior attractive in the gospel we **believe**, the lives we **live**, and the church we **are** together.