





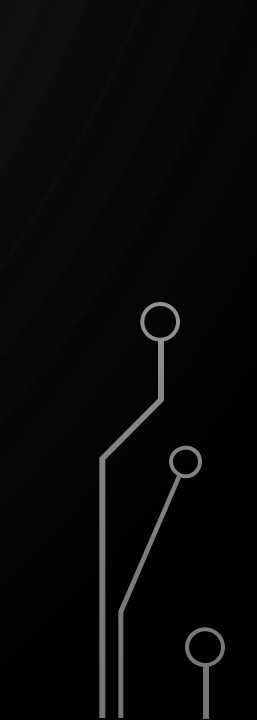
# INTRODUCTION TO TITUS

**STATION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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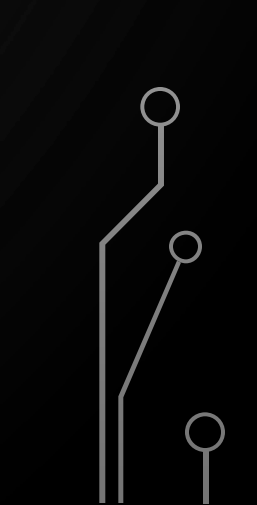


# WHAT KIND OF DOCUMENT?

- **Part of the 'Pauline Corpus'**
  - **A letter**
  - **Sent from a superior to his subordinate**
  - **Relates to church concerns**
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## WHAT KIND OF DOCUMENT?

- **One of the ‘Pastoral Epistles’ (with 1 and 2 Timothy)**
  - **Concerned with care for established Christian communities, and with their leadership**
  - **Encourages particular choices and actions, with reasons**
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## A LATER PAULINE LETTER



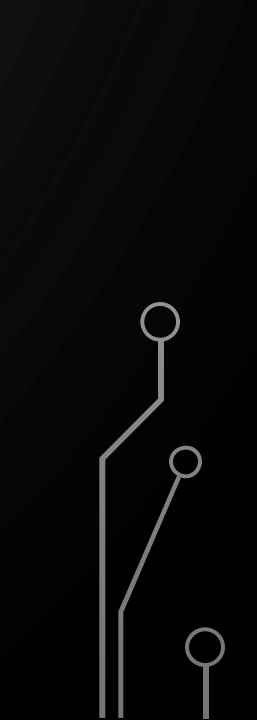
- **Restates and reapplies Paul's message and teaching for a new context, especially**
  - **A different church structure**
  - **A different problem**

# A DIFFERENT CHURCH STRUCTURE

- Churches are in the early stages of becoming more settled and structured
- Letter is addressed directly to 'trans-local' leaders who care for churches in more than one centre
- But it also speaks indirectly to the local leaders they appoint and the people they lead



# A DIFFERENT PROBLEM

- **Teachers of heresy and immorality**
  - **Church members may be won over**
  - **Teaching based on Jewish myths and practices of abstinence**
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# WHY WAS TITUS WRITTEN?

- **To encourage leaders to sustain the churches...**
- **by maintaining right belief and practice...**
- **through good leadership...**
- **and according to Paul's gospel...**
- **on the basis of his apostolic authority**



## HOW CAN IT SPEAK TO US?

- **Protecting the church against false teaching**
  - **Holding to the basic Christian faith and lifestyle**
  - **Qualities and actions required of leaders**
  - **All based on Paul's apostolic authority**
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