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Forgiveness  
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Faithfulness

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# FIRST-CENTURY BIBLE LANDS

Paul in Prison



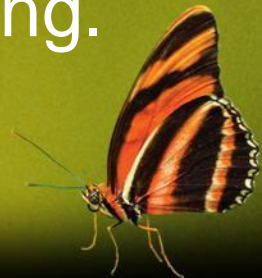


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## OVERVIEW:

Most Christians quickly identify Christ's death with deliverance from the penalty and punishment of sin. However, fewer Christians are quick to identify Christ's death with deliverance from the power of or slavery to sin. This lesson stresses that God intends for Christians to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age, and that Christ's death provides both the basis for such living, the enablement for such living, & the incentive to such living.



TITUS 1:5

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“The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.”



ἐπιφαίνω

*epiphainō*

appear

ἐπιφάνεια

*epiphaneia*  
appearing



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“Thus, the apostle, in this short paragraph of only four verses (11-14), brings together the two boundaries of the Christian era, that is, the first coming of Christ which inaugurated it and the second coming of Christ which will terminate it. He urges us to look back to the one and on to the other. For we live ‘in between times’—suspended rather uncomfortably between the ‘already’ & the ‘not yet’.”

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“Two comings of Christ are like two windows. Thru the western window a solemn light streams from Mt. Calvary. Through the eastern window shines the light of a brighter day. And it is because of these two windows that the present age is well lit for the believer. Centered on the cross, focused on the future; we cannot afford to do without the light coming from both directions.”

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Philemon, Titus, and 2 Timothy focus upon *forgiveness*, *righteousness* & *faithfulness*. We enter upon the Christian life as God grants us forgiveness in Jesus Christ. As we grow in Christ, our lives become increasingly characterized by righteousness. And God expects faithfulness from us, His servants, until He takes us home to heaven.

