

Titus 1:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching,
which is committed unto me according to the commandment
of God our Saviour;

Analysis

But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching—God's pre-temporal promise (v. 2) reaches temporal fulfillment κατὰ καιροὺς ἰδίους (kata kairous idious, at proper seasons). Divine timing is perfect; Galatians 4:4 says Christ came in "the fullness of time." The vehicle is κήρυγμα (kerugma, proclamation/heralding)—God's ordained means is not philosophy or mysticism but verbal proclamation of gospel truth.

Which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour—Paul's apostolic calling came by divine ἐπιταγή (epitagē, authoritative command), not human appointment. The title "God our Saviour" (θεοῦ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν) appears six times in the Pastorals, emphasizing salvation's divine origin against works-righteousness. God commands the message, provides the Savior, and grants the faith to believe.

Historical Context

Paul's apostolic authority was challenged by Judaizers and false teachers throughout his ministry. This self-authentication as divinely commissioned undergirds Titus's authority to appoint elders (1:5) and confront false teachers (1:13). In first-century Crete, religious plurality and philosophical speculation threatened to eclipse the skandalon (scandal) of simple gospel proclamation.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. Do you view gospel preaching as God's primary means of salvation, or do you functionally trust other methods more?
2. How does Paul's submission to divine commissioning challenge your approach to ministry—human approval or divine calling?
3. What "proper seasons" in your life has God used preaching to bring salvation or sanctification?

Interlinear Text

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| ἐφανερώσεν | δὲ | καιροῖς | ἰδίῳ | τὸν | λόγον | αὐτοῦ | ἐν |
| hath G5319 | But G1161 | times G2540 | in due G2398 | G3588 | word G3056 | G846 | through G1722 |
| κηρύγματι | ὃ | ἐπιστεύθην | ἐγὼ | κατ' | ἐπιταγὴν | | |
| preaching G2782 | which G3739 | is committed G4100 | unto me G1473 | according to G2596 | the commandment G2003 | | |
| τοῦ | σωτῆρος | ἡμῶν | θεοῦ | | | | |
| G3588 | Saviour G4990 | our G2257 | of God G2316 | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

1 Timothy 1:11 (References God): According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

1 Timothy 1:1 (Salvation): Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;

Titus 2:10 (Salvation): Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Isaiah 45:21 (Salvation): Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

Colossians 1:6 (References God): Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Colossians 1:23 (Parallel theme): If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Ephesians 2:17 (Parallel theme): And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

1 Corinthians 9:17 (Parallel theme): For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

1 Timothy 4:10 (Salvation): For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

1 Timothy 2:3 (Salvation): For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;