

# Titus 1:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## Analysis

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**To Titus, mine own son after the common faith**—The term γνήσιον τέκνον (gnēsion teknon, genuine child) indicates spiritual parentage; Paul led Titus to faith. κοινὴ πίστις (koinē pistis, common faith) stresses the shared, objective nature of Christian belief—not private mysticism but the apostolic deposit once-for-all delivered (Jude 3).

**Grace, mercy, and peace**—Paul's triadic greeting. Χάρις (charis, grace) is God's unmerited favor, the foundation. Ἔλεος (eleos, mercy) is compassion toward the miserable. Εἰρήνη (eirene, peace) is reconciliation and wholeness. All flow **from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour**—the Father-Son unity in dispensing salvific blessings affirms Christ's deity. Jesus bears the title σωτήρ (soter, Savior) equal with the Father.

## Historical Context

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Titus, a Gentile convert (uncircumcised, Galatians 2:3), served as Paul's trusted delegate to troubled churches (2 Corinthians 7:6-7, 8:16-17). His mission to Crete involved establishing church order amid cultural corruption and doctrinal confusion. The greeting's emphasis on grace combats the merit-based religion threatening Cretan congregations.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. Who are your spiritual children "after the common faith," and are you actively discipling them in sound doctrine?
2. Do you practically distinguish grace (unmerited favor), mercy (compassion on misery), and peace (reconciliation), or do you conflate these distinct blessings?
3. How does recognizing Jesus as "Savior" equal to the Father deepen your worship and refute modern heresies about Christ's nature?

## Interlinear Text

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τίτω	γνησίω	τέκνω	κατὰ	κοινὴν	πίστιν	χάρις	ἔλεος,
To Titus	mine own	son	after	the common	faith	Grace	mercy
G5103	G1103	G5043	G2596	G2839	G4102	G5485	G1656
εἰρήνη	ἀπὸ	θεοῦ	πατρὸς	καὶ	Κυρίου	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ
and peace	from	God	the Father	and	the Lord	Jesus	Christ
G1515	G575	G2316	G3962	G2532	G2962	G2424	G5547
τοῦ	σωτῆρος	ἡμῶν					
G3588	Saviour	our					
	G4990	G2257					

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Timothy 1:2** (Grace): To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Jude 1:3** (Salvation): Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

**2 Peter 1:1** (Salvation): Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

**2 Peter 1:11** (Salvation): For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 2:13** (Parallel theme): I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

**Romans 1:12** (Faith): That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

**John 4:42** (Salvation): And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

**2 Corinthians 8:23** (References Christ): Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.