

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to **TITUS**

Titus 1

1 For what end Titus was left in Crete. 6 How they that are to be chosen ministers ought to be qualified.

1 ¶ Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to *the* faith of *the* elect of God and full knowledge of *the* truth according to godliness,

2 on hope of eternal life which the God who does not lie promised before eternal times,

3 but revealed in its own times in a proclamation of His Word, with which I was entrusted by *the* command of our Savior God;

4 to Titus, a true child according to *our* common faith: Grace, mercy, peace from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

5 ¶ For this cause I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things lacking and appoint elders in every city, as I prescribed to you:

6 ¶ If anyone is blameless, husband of one wife, having faithful children, not in accusation of unsavedness, or disobedient,

7 (It is right for the overseer to be blameless as a steward of God) not self-pleasing, not prone to anger, not given to wine, not a quarreler, not greedy of ill gain;

8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, just, holy, sensible,

9 clinging to the faithful Word according to the teaching, that he may be able both to encourage by sound doctrine and to convict the *ones* contradicting.

10 For there are indeed many insubordinate men, empty talkers and mind-deluders, especially the *ones* of *the* circumcision,

11 whose mouth *you* must stop, who overturn whole houses, teaching things which *they* ought not for the sake of ill gain.

12 One of *them*, a prophet of their own, said: Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.

13 This testimony is true; for which cause convict them severely, that they may be sound in the faith,

14 not listening to Jewish myths and commandments of men, having turned away from the truth.

15 Truly, all things *are* pure to the pure, but to the *ones* being defiled and unbelieving, nothing *is* pure, but even their mind and conscience has been defiled.

16 They profess to know God, but by *their* works they deny *Him*, being abominable and disobedient, and to every good work disapproved.

Titus 2

1 Direction given to Titus both for his doctrine and life. 9 Of the duty of servants.

1 ¶ But you speak things which become sound doctrine:

2 aged men to be temperate, honorable, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

3 aged women likewise in reverent behavior, not slanderers, not having been enslaved by much wine, teachers of good,

4 that they might train the young women to be lovers of husbands, lovers of children,

5 sensible, chaste, home-keepers, good, subject to *their* own husbands, so that the Word of God may not be blasphemed,

6 the younger men in the same way exhort to be sensible;

7 holding forth yourself *as* a pattern of good works about all *things* in doctrine, in purity, dignity, incorruption,

8 sound speech, without condemnation, that the hostile *ones* may be shamed, having nothing bad to say about you.

9 Let slaves be subject to *their* own masters, well-pleasing in all *things*, not contradicting,

10 not embezzling, but showing all good faith, that they may adorn the doctrine of our Savior God in every *thing*.

11 ¶ For the saving grace of God has appeared to all men,

12 instructing us that having denied ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live prudently and righteously and godly in the now age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

14 who gave Himself on our behalf, “that He might redeem us from all lawlessness” “and purify” “for Himself a people for Himself for possession,” zealous of good works. *Psa. 130:8; Eze. 37:23; Deut. 14:2*

15 ¶ Speak these things and exhort and convict with all authority. Let no one despise you.

Titus 3

1 Titus is directed by Paul concerning the things he should and should not teach.

1 ¶ Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready in every good work,

2 to speak evil of no one, not quarrelsome, *but* gentle, having displayed all meekness to all men.

3 For we also once were senseless, disobedient, being led astray, slaving for various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

5 not out of works in righteousness which we had done, but according to His mercy,

He saved us through *the* bathing of regeneration and renewal of *the* Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior;

7 that being justified by the grace of that *One*, we should become heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

8 Faithful *is* the Word, and concerning these things I purpose you to strongly affirm that the *ones* believing God should take thought to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

9 ¶ But keep back from foolish questionings and genealogies and arguments and quarrels of law, for they are unprofitable and vain.

10 Reject a heretical man after a first and second admonition,

11 knowing that such a one has been perverted and sins, being self-condemned.

12 When I shall send Artemas to you or Tychicus, hasten to come to me at Nicopolis. For I have decided to winter there.

13 Diligently set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos, that nothing be lacking to them.

14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they may not be without fruit.

15 All the *ones* with me greet you. Greet the *ones* who love us in *the* faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.