

The Epistle Of Paul To Titus

The Argument

When Titus was left in Crete to finish that doctrine which Paul had there begun, Satan stirred up certain which went about not only to overthrow the government of the Church, but also to corrupt the doctrine: for some by ambition would have thrust in themselves to be pastors: others, under pretext of Moses' Law brought in many trifles. Against these two sorts of men Paul armeth Titus: first teaching him what manner of ministers he ought to choose, chiefly requiring that they be men of sound doctrine to the intent they might resist the adversaries, and amongst other things he noteth the Jews which put a certain holiness in meats and such outward ceremonies, teaching them which are the true exercises of a Christian life, and what things appertain to every man's vocation. Against the which if any man rebel or else doeth not obey, he willet him to be avoided.

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Titus 1

6 He sheweth what kind of men ought to be chosen Ministers; 10 how vain babblers' mouths should be stopped; 12 and through this occasion he toucheth the nature of the Cretians, 14 and the Jews, who put holiness in outward things.

1 Paul a servant of God, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth, which is according to godliness,

2 Unto the hope of eternal life, which God that cannot lie, hath promised before the world began;

3 But hath made his word manifest in due time through the preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

4 To Titus *my* natural son according to the common faith, Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest continue to redress the things that remain, and shouldest ordain Elders in every city, as I appointed thee;

6 If any be unreprouable, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, which are not slandered of riot, neither are disobedient.

7 For a Bishop must be unreprouable, as God's steward, not froward, not angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre,

8 But harberous, one that loveth goodness, wise, righteous, holy, temperate,

9 Holding fast the faithful word according to doctrine, that he also may be able to exhort with wholesome doctrine, and convince them that say against it.

10 For there are many disobedient and vain talkers and deceivers of minds, chiefly they of the Circumcision,

11 Whose mouths must be stopped, which subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

12 One of themselves, *even* one of their own prophets said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

14 And not taking heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men, that turn away from the truth.

15 Unto the pure *are* all things pure, but unto them that are defiled, and unbelieving *is* nothing pure, but even their minds and consciences are defiled.

16 They profess that they know God, but by works they deny *him*, and are abominable and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Titus 2

2 He setteth out the duties of sundry persons and states, 6 and willeth him to instruct the Church in manners. 11 He draweth an argument from the end of our redemption, 12 which is, that we live godly and uprightly.

1 But speak thou the things which become wholesome doctrine,

2 That the elder men be sober, honest, discreet, sound in the faith, in love, *and* in patience;

3 The elder women likewise, that they be in such behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not subject to much wine, *but* teachers of honest things,

4 That they may instruct the young women to be sober minded, that they love their husbands, that they love their children,

5 *That they be* discreet, chaste, keeping at home, good and subject unto their husbands, that the word of God be not evil spoken of.

6 Exhort young men likewise, that they be sober minded.

7 In all things shew thyself an example of good works with uncorrupt doctrine, with gravity, integrity,

8 *And* with the wholesome word, which cannot be condemned, that he which withstandeth, may be ashamed, having nothing concerning you to speak evil of.

9 Let servants be subject to their masters, and please *them* in all things, not answering again,

10 Neither pilfering, but that they shew all good faithfulness, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

11 For that grace of God, that bringeth salvation unto all men, hath appeared,

12 And teacheth us, that we should deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and that we should live soberly and righteously, and godly in this present world,

13 Looking for the blessed hope, and appearing of the glory of our mighty God, and Saviour Jesus Christ,

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purge us *to be* a peculiar people unto himself, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. See that no man despise thee.

Titus 3

1 He willeth that all generally be put in mind to reverence such as be in authority. 3 That they remember their former life, and attribute all justification unto grace. 9 And if any babblers withstand these things, 10 he willeth that he be rejected.

1 Put them in remembrance that they be subject to the principalities and powers, *and* that they be obedient, *and* ready to every good work,

2 That they speak evil of no man, that they be no fighters, *but* soft, shewing all meekness unto all men.

3 For we ourselves also were in times past unwise, disobedient, deceived, serving the lusts and divers pleasures, living in maliciousness and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another;

4 But when the bountifulness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by the works of righteousness, which we had done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of the new birth, and the renewing of the holy Ghost,

6 Which he shed on us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

7 That we, being justified by his grace, should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a true saying, and these things I will thou shouldest affirm, that they which have believed God, might be careful to shew forth good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and brawlings about the Law, for they are unprofitable and vain.

10 Reject him that is a heretic, after once or twice admonition,

11 Knowing that he that is such, is perverted, and sinneth, being damned of his own self.

12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me unto Nicopolis, for I have determined there to winter.

13 Bring Zenas the expounder of the Law, and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they lack nothing.

14 And let ours also learn to shew forth good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

15 All that are with me, salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all, Amen.

*To Titus, elect the first Bishop of the Church of the Cretians, written from
Nicopolis in Macedonia.*