

# TITUS

Titus 1:1 Paul, a slave of God [obedience and service], and an apostle of Jesus Christ [highest delegated spiritual authority] for the sake of God's elect with special relation to doctrine [as its protector and communicant], especially the full knowledge of the truth [doctrine in the human spirit] according to the standard of godliness [filling of the Spirit],

Titus 1:2 On the basis of confidence with reference to eternal life [eternal security], which the trustworthy God [veracity] promised before times eternal [eternity past],

Titus 1:3 And has revealed during His own appointed times [dispensations] His Word [Bible doctrine] through the instrumentality of preaching, which [as an apostle] I myself was entrusted according to the authority [divine command] of God, our Savior.

Titus 1:4 To Titus, a reliable student according to the standard of common doctrine: Grace and prosperity from the ultimate source of God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Titus 1:5 Because of this grace, I left you behind in Crete, so that you might correct [by daily Bible class] the things which are deficient [in their spiritual life] and appoint command-overseers [*presbuteros*: pastors, teachers] according to city, as I myself gave you orders,

Titus 1:6 If anyone [prospective man with the gift of pastor or teacher] is above reproach, a one-woman man [no philandering], having trustworthy children, not under the influence or accusation of riotous living [dissipation] or disobedient and rebellious.

Titus 1:7 For it is necessary *that* a guardian-overseer [*episcopos*: bishop] be above reproach as God's administrative manager, not arrogant, not quick-tempered, not a drunk, not a bully, not avaricious,

Titus 1:8 But rather hospitable [grace-oriented toward strangers], a lover of divine good, self-controlled [mentally stable], fair and equitable, devout, disciplined,

Titus 1:9 Constantly clinging to the dependable Word according to the norms and standards of instruction [consistent, daily familiarization, mental saturation and application of the Truth], so that he might be able by means of doctrinal teaching which is sound to keep on exhorting and reproving those [false teachers] who are in verbal opposition.

Titus 1:10 For there are many [false Christian teachers in Crete] *who are* insubordinate [in revolt against doctrine and overseers], empty talkers [speaking psychological nonsense] and mind deceivers [disoriented to the plan of God], particularly those of the circumcision [Jewish contingent],

Titus 1:11 Whom it is necessary to silence [curb the rebellion], who are of such a character as to disrupt entire families [home groups], teaching things [heresies] which should never be for the sake of dishonest profit [fleecing the sheep],

Titus 1:12 A certain one of them [Epimenides], their very own prophet [poet], said [in a hymn written to Zeus]: Cretans are incessant [pathological] liars, evil beasts [predators], useless [unemployed] gluttons.

Titus 1:13 This testimony [about the Cretans] is true. Because of this accusation [national problem], keep on rebuking them severely, so that they might become sound in doctrine,

Titus 1:14 Not paying attention to Jewish fables [myths] nor the commandments of men [legalists] who are in the process of turning themselves away from the truth [reverse process reversionism].

Titus 1:15 All things [every creature of God is available for consumption as food] *are* pure [ceremonially clean] to the pure [free from mental attitude sins]. But to those who are defiled [mental attitude sins as excrement in the soul] and faithless [reject Bible doctrine], nothing *is* pure. Instead, both their mind and conscience are defiled [immersed in excrement].

Titus 1:16 They repeatedly claim to know God [experientially], but their production [dead works] contradicts them [disproves their claim], because they are [on the inside] detestable [full of mental attitude sins] and disobedient [negative towards doctrine and overseers], and [on the outside] with regard to every type and category of good [divine] production, worthless [disqualified: no rewards].

Titus 2:1 But you [Titus], keep on communicating *those things* which are clearly seen as sound doctrine.

Titus 2:2 Older men should be self-disciplined, dignified, mentally stable, doctrinally sound, relaxed, patient,

Titus 2:3 Likewise, older women *should be* honorable in behavior [without wide emotional swings], not slanderers, not enslaved to large quantities of alcohol [because of their frustrations and disappointments in life], teaching honorable things [to the younger women],

Titus 2:4 So that they [older women who are spiritually mature] may encourage the younger women to be affectionate towards their husbands, having affection towards their children,

Titus 2:5 Self-controlled, chaste [not adulterous], home lovers, kind, obedient to their own husband, so that the Word of God is never maligned [ridiculed by others due to the cosmic behavior of the wife].

Titus 2:6 Likewise, young men should be encouraged to maintain self-control [a sound, serious mind].

Titus 2:7 With respect to all situations, show yourself to be an example of honorable production [filled with the Spirit] by means of doctrine, incorruptible [character], dignified [sober & reflective],

Titus 2:8 Sound speech [accurate], above reproach [nothing that can impugn your character], so that those [in subjectivity] from the opposition may be ashamed [turn around and have renewed respect], having nothing underhanded [politically evil] to say about us.

Titus 2:9 Slaves, be obedient to your own masters in everything [authority orientation], serving in an acceptable manner, not speaking against them,

Titus 2:10 Not pilfering, but demonstrating the utmost in good fidelity [trustworthiness], so that the teaching of God our Savior is made attractive in all situations.

Titus 2:11 For the educative [delivering, training] grace of God [experiential, practical outworking] has been manifested to all kinds of men,

Titus 2:12 Teaching us [educative grace], so that by repudiating ungodliness [legalism or any system of religiosity by works] and worldly lusts [gates of the cosmic system], we should live [function] with

stability of mind [doctrine in the soul] and righteously [divine good produced from doctrine in the soul] and in a godly manner [filled with the Spirit] in the current age [Church Age dispensation],

Titus 2:13 Waiting with anticipation for the happy [blessed] expectation, even the magnificent appearance [at the rapture] of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:14 Who gave Himself as a substitute for us so that He might set us [believers only] free [experiential redemption] from every category of lawlessness [gates of the cosmic system] and cleanse *us* unto Himself a special [treasured] people, enthusiastic for honorable production [the familiarization, mental saturation and application of Bible doctrine].

Titus 2:15 Keep on communicating [proclaiming to those in fellowship] and admonishing [imploring those who are grieving the Spirit in the arrogance complex of sins] and rebuking [those who are quenching the Spirit in the hatred complex of sins] these things [all the doctrines in this letter] with full authority. Let no one [in your congregation] look down on you [reject your legitimate authority].

Titus 3:1 Keep on reminding them [Cretan Christians] to be under subjection to designated officials, to obey those in authority, to be prepared [by inculcating doctrine] for every kind of honorable [divine] production [good works],

Titus 3:2 To slander no one, to be non-contentious, tolerant, demonstrating [from doctrine resident on the inside] abundant grace orientation face-to-face with all types of men.

Titus 3:3 For once upon a time, we ourselves were also foolish [lacking doctrine in the soul], disobedient [lacking authority orientation], continually led astray [deceived by locked-in cosmic ignorance], enslaved to various kinds of lusts and pleasures [sins of the flesh], constantly spending our lives in the sphere of malice and envy [arrogance complex of sins], hateful [hatred complex of sins], detesting others of the same kind [fellow believers].

Titus 3:4 But when the generosity and benevolence of God our Savior appeared [at the incarnation of Christ],

Titus 3:5 Not out from the source of works by means of righteousness [human good] which we have done, but according to the standard of His mercy [divine good] He saved us, through the spiritual cleansing [from sin], regeneration [new birth], and the renewal [new species] of the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:6 Whom He [the Father] poured out upon us abundantly [baptism of the Spirit] through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Titus 3:7 In order that having been justified by means of His grace, we should become heirs according to the norm and standard of confidence with reference to eternal life.

Titus 3:8 Trustworthy *is* the Word [Bible doctrine], and concerning these things [doctrinal principles], I want you [Titus] to keep on communicating with dogmatic insistence, so that those who have believed God [Christians only] might be intent [due diligence] to continually engage in honorable [divine] production. These things [doctrinal principles and divine production] are honorable and beneficial to men.

Titus 3:9 But make it a habit to avoid and shun stupid discussions [controversies] and family pedigrees and contentions and legal battles [disputes], for they are useless and foolish [leading to scar tissue of the soul].

Titus 3:10 After one or two warnings, reject [dismiss] a schismatic man [heretic],

Titus 3:11 Understanding [from the application of doctrine] that such a person as this has become subverted [turned aside from true doctrine] and is constantly sinning [perpetual carnality], with the result that he is self-condemned [by his rejection of true Bible doctrine].

Titus 3:12 After I send Artemus [pastor of Lystra] or Tychicus [another capable replacement] to you, make every effort to come face-to-face to me at Nicopolis, for I am determined to spend the winter there.

Titus 3:13 Escort with great haste Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on this journey, so that nothing is lacking for them.

Titus 3:14 And also, let ours [Cretan believers] learn by engaging in honorable [divine] production in response to necessary situations, so that they are not unfruitful [in their evangelistic ministry].

Titus 3:15 All those *who are* with me salute you. Salute those who care about me in the sphere of doctrine. Grace *be* with you all.