**BOOK to TITUS** . (64 AD)

**GREETINGS**

Tit 1:1 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 after godliness;

Tit 1:2 **In hope of eternal life**, which God, that cannot lie, **promised before the world** (age,period) **began;**

Tit 1:3 But hath ***in due times*** **manifested his word** (logos) **through preaching** (proclaimation), which is committed unto me according to the commandment of **God our Saviour**;

Tit 1:4 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: ***Grace, mercy, and peace***, from **God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

# ORDAINING ELDERS IN CRETE

Tit 1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest ***set in order*** the things that are wanting, and ***ordain***(designate) ***elders***(older) in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Tit 1:6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not **accused** (complaint, criminal charges) of riot or unruly.

Tit 1:7 For **a bishop** (superintendent, overseer) must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, *not given to filthy lucre*;

Tit 1:8 But a lover of **hospitality**(fond of guests), a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

Tit 1:9 **Holding fast the faithful word** as he hath been taught, that he may be able by ***sound doctrine*** both to **exhort** and to convince the **gainsayers** (disputers, contradictors).

**REBUKE THE UNRULY, DECEIVERS, & SUBVERTERS**

Tit 1:10 For there are many **unruly**(disobedient, insubordinate) and **vain talkers**(idle) and **deceivers**(mis-leaders), specially they of the circumcision:

Tit 1:11 Whose mouths must be **stopped**(silenced), who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, *for filthy lucre's sake.*

Tit 1:12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, *The Cretians are alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.*

Tit 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore **rebuke**(admonish) them **sharply**(abruptly), that they may be sound in the faith;

Tit 1:14 Not giving heed *to Jewish fables*, and *commandments of men*, that ***turn from the truth***.

Tit 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are **defiled**(tainted) and unbelieving is nothing pure; but *even their mind and conscience is* ***defiled***(tainted).

Tit 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they **deny**(refuse) him, being abominable, and disobedient, and *unto every good work reprobate*.

# SPEAK THOSE THINGS OF HEALTHY TEACHING

Tit 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

**AGED MEN**

Tit 2:2 That **the aged men** be sober, grave, temperate, sound in **faith,** in **charity**, in **patience**.

**AGED WOMEN ..TEACH YOUNGER**

Tit 2:3 The **aged women** likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, *not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things*;

Tit 2:4 That they may **teach the young women** to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

Tit 2:5 To be *discreet(self-controled), chaste(modest), keepers at home, good*, *obedient to their own husbands*, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

**FOR YOUNG MEN**

Tit 2:6 ***Young men*** likewise exhort to be ***sober minded***(moderate).

Tit 2:7 In all things shewing thyself **a pattern of good works**: in **doctrine**(instruction) shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Tit 2:8 **Sound**(healthy) speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of **the contrary part**(antagonist) may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

# EXHORT SERVANTS

Tit 2:9 Exhort ***servants*** to be *obedient unto their own masters*, and to please them well in all things; ***not answering again***;(dispute, to answer again)

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

**GOD’S GRACE TEACHES US TO DENY WORLDLY LUSTS**

Tit 2:11 For **the grace of God** that bringeth salvation ***hath appeared to all men,***

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, ***in this present world***(age);

Tit 2:**13 *Looking for*** (patient waitng) that blessed hope, and ***the*** glorious ***appearing*** (manifestation)**of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that *he might* ***redeem us***(ransom) *from all iniquity*, and **purify**(cleanse) unto himself a **peculiar**(special, beyond ususal) people, **zealous**(warm feeling for) of good works.

Tit 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

**HUMILITY & SUBJECTION TO MAGISTRATES**

Tit 3:1 Put them in mind to be **subject**(subordinate) *to principalities and powers*, to *obey magistrates,* to be ready to every good work,

Tit 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

**WE WERE ALL ONCE DECEIVED ….BUT MERCY SAVED US**

Tit 3:3 For **we ourselves also were sometimes** **foolish**(sensual,unintelligent),**disobedient**(unpersaudable), **deceived**(seduced),**serving(**in bondage)**divers**(various)**lusts**(forbidden longings) and **pleasures**(sensual pleasures)*,* **living** in malice and **envy**(jealousy), hateful, and hating one another.

Tit 3:4 But after that the **kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared**(shined upon, became visible),

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy **he saved us, by the washing**(bath) **of regeneration**(rebirth, renovation), **and renewing**(renovation) ***of the Holy Ghost;***

Tit 3:6 Which he **shed**(poured out) **on us abundantly**(wealthy) through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Tit 3:7 That being **justified**(rendered innocent) by his grace, **we should be made heirs**(appointed sharers, inheritors) according to the hope of eternal life.

**AFFIRM CONSTANTLY THESE THINGS – AVOID STRIVINGS**

Tit 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things ***I will that thou* affirm constantly**(confirm thru words), that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and **profitable**(advantageous) unto men.

Tit 3:9 But ***avoid foolish questions***, and ***genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law***; for they are unprofitable and **vain** (empty).

## AVOID – SHUN A HERETICK

Tit 3:10 A man that is an **heretick** (schismatic) after the first and second **admonition**(warning, call attention to) **reject**(avoid, decline, beg-off);

Tit 3:11 Knowing that he that is such is *subverted*, and *sinneth*, being ***condemned of himself.***

**PAUL’S CLOSING REMARKS TO TITUS**

Tit 3:12 When I shall send **Artemas** unto thee, or **Tychicus**, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

Tit 3:13 Bring **Zenas** the lawyer and **Apollos** on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

Tit 3:14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

Tit 3:15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. **Grace be with you all**. Amen. <<It was written to Titus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Cretians, from Nicopolis of Macedonia.>>