

Paul's Epistle to Titus

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According to The One-Year Chronological Bible, "Paul wrote his letter to Titus around the same time as his first letter to Timothy". The editors think 1 Timothy and Titus were written about A.D. 60/62.

v.1 – Paul,

a bond-servant of God, and
an apostle of Jesus Christ,

to teach

The Faith to those chosen by God, even
the knowledge of The Truth that leads to
living godly lives *and*

*Not so minor edits here:
Wording more like NLB.
Difficult to translate.*

v.2 –

hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie,
promised before the world began,

v.3 –

but

has revealed at the right time, *namely*
his word through preaching,
which is committed unto me

according to the commandment of God our Savior;

v.4 – To Titus,

my own son in our common faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

v.5 – I left you in Crete **for these reasons**, that thou should:

(1) set in order the things that are wanting, and

(2) appoint elders/overseers in every city, as I had appointed you;

v.6 –

each must be

blameless/above reproach,
the husband of one wife,
having faithful children not accused of riot or rebellion;

v.7 –

for a bishop/overseer must be

blameless/above reproach, as the steward of God;
not selfwilled,
not quick tempered,
not addicted to wine,
not pugnacious/no striker,
not fond of sordid gain/ filthy lucre;

v.8 –

but

who loves *giving* hospitality,
who loves what is good,
sensible/sober,
just,
devout/holy/set apart,
self-controlled/temperate,

v.9 –

holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught,
that by sound doctrine he may be able both

to exhort and to convince the gainsayers/

to refute those who contradict *that doctrine*.

- v.10 – For there are
many rebellious/unruly and vain/empty talkers and deceivers,
especially those of the circumcision,
- v.11 – who must be silenced because they are:
subverting/upsetting whole families/*church*-houses,
teaching things they should not teach for filthy lucre’s sake.
- v.12 – One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said,
“Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons”.
- v.13 – This witness is true.
For this reason rebuke them sharply,
that they may be sound in the faith,
not giving heed to
- v.14 – Jewish fables and
commandments of men who turn from the truth.
- v.15 – To the pure
all things are pure, but
To them who are defiled and unbelieving
nothing is pure; but
even their mind and conscience is defiled.
- v.16 – They profess that they know God; but by *their* deeds
they deny him,
being detestable/abominable and disobedient and worthless for every good work.

Chapter 2

- v.1 – But, as for you, **speak the things** that are fitting for **sound doctrine**:
- v.2 – (1) older men are to be
temperate/sober,
dignified/grave,
sensible/temperate,
sound in faith, in love/charity, in patience;
- v.3 – (2) older women likewise are to be
reverent in behavior (as becomes holiness),
not malicious gossios/false accusers,
not given/adicted to much wine,
teachers of good things;
- v.4 – so that they may teach/train/encourage the young women
(to be sober,) *Not taught by Titus*
to love their husbands, *KJV; not in NASB*
to love their children,
- v.5 – to be sensible/discreet,
to be pure/chaste,
to be keepers at home,
to be good,
to be obedient/subject to their own husbands,
that the word of God be not blasphemed;
- v.6 – (3) young men likewise exhort to be
sensible/sober minded (*in all things*). *Short list! ☺*
- v.7 – In all things show yourself to be an example/a pattern of good deeds/works;
in doctrine show purity/uncorruptness, dignity/gravity, (sincerity); *Last: KJV; not in NASB*
- v.8 – *in speech show* soundness that cannot be condemned;
in order that any opponent may be put to shame, having no evil thing to say of you/us.
- v.9 – Urge servants to be obedient to their own masters in all things:
well-pleasing,

v.10 – not argumentative,
not pilfering/purloining, but
showing all good fidelity;
that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect. *Clothed with...*

v.11 – For God's grace hath appeared to all men,
bringing salvation,

v.12 – teaching us

to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and
to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

v.13 – to look for

that blessed hope, and *even*

BH = JC?

the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ,

v.14 – who gave himself for us,
that he might

redeem us from all iniquity, and
purify unto himself a peculiar people,
zealous of good works.

(peculiar or purchased, 1Pe 2:9m: The church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood, Acts 20:28)

v.15 – **These things** speak and exhort and rebuke with all command/authority – let no one despise/disregard you.

Chapter 3

v.1 – Remind them:

to be subject to principalities and powers,
to obey magistrates,
to be ready to every good deed/work,

v.2 – to malign no one,
to be uncontentious, but

to be gentle, showing every consideration/all meekness to everyone.

v.3 – For we also once were ourselves:

foolish,
disobedient,
deceived,
enslaved to various lusts and pleasures,
living in malice and envy,
hateful and hating one another;

v.4 – But after the kindness and love of God our Savior for mankind appeared,

v.5 – He saved us

not on the basis of righteousness works that we had done, but
according to His mercy, by
the washing of regeneration, and
renewing of the Holy Spirit,

v.6 – whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

v.7 – that being justified by his grace,

we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

v.8 – This/*the latter* is a faithful saying, and

these things I want you to speak confidently/affirm constantly,

that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in/maintain good works/deeds.

These things are good and profitable for everyone.

- v.9 – But shun/avoid foolish
 controversies/questions, and
 genealogies, and
 strife/contentions, and
 disputes/strivings about the Law; *Jewish Law*
 for they are unprofitable and worthless/vain.
- v.10 – Reject anyone who is factious/an heretic after a first and second warning/admonition,
 v.11 – knowing that such a person is perverted/subverted and sinning, being self-condemned.
- v.12 – When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you,
 be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis,
 for I have decided to spend the winter there.
- v.13 – Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, so that nothing is lacking for them.
- v.14 – And let our *people* also learn to engage in/maintain good works to meet pressing needs,
 that they may not be unfruitful. *After thought?*
- v.15 – All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in The Faith.
 Grace be with you all. Amen. *“Amen” in KJV; not NASB*