

The Epistle of Paul to Titus

1 Paul, a ¹servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to *the* faith of God's elect, and *the* knowledge of *the* truth which is according to godliness, **2** in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised ²before times eternal; **3** but in ³*his* own seasons manifested his word in *the* ⁴message, *wherewith* I was entrusted according to *the* commandment of God our Saviour; **4** to Titus, *my* true child after a common faith: ⁵Grace and peace from God *the* Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge; **6** if any man is blameless, *the* husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unruly. **7** For the ⁶overseer must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-willed, not soon angry, ⁷no brawler, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; **8** but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled; **9** holding to the faithful word *which is* according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the ⁸sound ⁹doctrine, and to ¹⁰convict the gainsayers.

10 For there are many ¹¹unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision, **11** whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. **12** One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said,¹²

Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, idle ¹³gluttons.

¹ *Gk.* bondservant

² *Or,* long ages ago; *See marginal note on Ro 16:25.*

³ *Or,* *its*

⁴ *Or,* proclamation

⁵ *So* \aleph C* (1739) (33) cop^(sa,bo) arm vg. A 81 *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read* Grace, mercy, peace

⁶ *Or,* bishop

⁷ *Or,* not quarrelsome over wine

⁸ *Gk.* healthful *Also in ch. 2:1.*

⁹ *Or,* teaching,

¹⁰ *Or,* put to shame those who contradict.

¹¹ *So* \aleph CA 33 81 cop^{sa,bo} arm. I 1739 *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read* unruly men and vain

¹² Epimenides, "Concerning Oracles;" *according to* Wilson's diaglott. Rotherham *cites* Dean Farrar, "Life and Work of St. Paul;" p. 696 (1897).

¹³ *Gk.* bellies.

13 This testimony is true. For which cause reprove them sharply, that they may be ¹⁴sound in the faith, **14** not giving heed to Jewish ¹⁵fables, and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. **15** To the pure all things *are* pure: but to them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing *is* pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. **16** They profess that they know God; but by *their* works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

2 But speak thou the things which befit the sound doctrine: **2** *that* aged men be temperate, grave, sober-minded, sound in faith, in love, in ¹⁶patience: **3** that aged women likewise *be* reverent in demeanor, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; **4** that they may train the young women to love *their* husbands, to love *their* children, **5** *to be* sober-minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to *their* own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed: **6** the younger men likewise exhort to be sober-minded: **7** in all things showing thyself an ensample of good works; in thy doctrine *showing* uncorruptness, gravity, **8** sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of a contrary *part* may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us. **9** *Exhort* ¹⁷servants to be in subjection to *their* own masters, *and* to be well-pleasing *to them* in all things; not gainsaying; **10** not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. **11** For the grace of God ¹⁸hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, **12** instructing us, to the *intent* that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present age; **13** looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory ¹⁹of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **14** who gave himself for us, that he might ransom us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people *for his* own possession, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all ²⁰authority. Let no one despise thee.

¹⁴ *Gk.* healthy *Also in ch. 2:2.*

¹⁵ *Gk.* myths,

¹⁶ *Or,* stedfastness:

¹⁷ *Gk.* bondservants

¹⁸ *Or,* hath appeared to all men, bringing salvation

¹⁹ *Or,* of our great God and Saviour

²⁰ *Gk.* commandment.

3 Put them in mind to be in subjection ²¹to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work, 2 to speak evil of no man, not to be contentious, *to be* gentle, showing all meekness toward all men. 3 For we also once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, ²²serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. 4 But when the kindness of God our Saviour, and *his* love toward man, appeared, 5 not by works *done* in righteousness, which we did *ourselves*, but according to his mercy he saved us, through ²³*the* washing of regeneration ²⁴and renewing of *the* Holy Spirit, 6 which he poured out upon us richly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 that, being justified by his grace, we might be made ²⁵heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. 8 Faithful *is* the saying, and concerning these things I desire that thou affirm confidently, to the *end* that they who have believed God may be careful to ²⁶maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men: 9 but shun foolish questionings, and genealogies, and strifes, and fightings about *the* law; for they are unprofitable and vain. 10 A factious man after a first and second admonition ²⁷refuse; 11 knowing that such a one is perverted, and sinneth, being self-condemned.

12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, give diligence to come unto me to Nicopolis: for there I have determined to winter. 13 Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos *on their journey* diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them. 14 And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works for necessary ²⁸uses, that they be not unfruitful.

15 All that are with me salute thee. Salute them that love us in *the* faith.

Grace *be* with you all.²⁹

End of the Epistle of Paul to Titus

²¹ So \aleph CA 1739 33. 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{sa,bo} arm vg *read* to rulers and authorities,

²² Or, enslaved by

²³ Or, a laver

²⁴ Or, and *through* renewing

²⁵ Or, heirs, according to hope, of eternal life.

²⁶ Or, profess honest occupations. *And in* vs. 14.

²⁷ Or, avoid;

²⁸ Or, wants,

²⁹ So p^{61vid} \aleph *CA 048 1739 cop^{sa}. H and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg *add* Amen.