

## THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TITUS

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant 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, <sup>2</sup> in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before times eternal; <sup>3</sup> but in his own seasons manifested his word in the message, wherewith I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior; <sup>4</sup> to Titus, my true child after a common faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

<sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unruly. <sup>7</sup> For the bishop must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-willed, not soon angry, no brawler, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; <sup>8</sup> but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled; <sup>9</sup> holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers.

<sup>10</sup> For there are many, and they are unruly, vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the

circumcision, <sup>11</sup> whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. <sup>12</sup> One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said,

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

## 2

<sup>1</sup> But speak thou the things which befit the sound doctrine: <sup>2</sup> that aged men be temperate, grave, sober-minded, sound in faith, in love, in patience: <sup>3</sup> that aged women likewise be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers, not enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; <sup>4</sup> that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> *to be* sober-minded, chaste, keepers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed: <sup>6</sup> the younger men likewise exhort to be sober-minded: <sup>7</sup> in all things showing thyself an example of good works; in thy doctrine *showing* uncorruptness,

gravity, incorruptibility, <sup>8</sup> sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us. <sup>9</sup> *Exhort* servants to be in subjection to their own masters, *and* to be well-pleasing *to them* in all things; not gainsaying; <sup>10</sup> not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. <sup>11</sup> For the saving grace of God hath appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.

<sup>15</sup> These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> Put them in mind to be in subjection to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no man, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing all meekness toward all men. <sup>3</sup> For we also once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving diverse lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness of God our Savior, and his love

toward man, appeared, <sup>5</sup> not by works *done* in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> which he poured out upon us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior; <sup>7</sup> that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> 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 maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men: <sup>9</sup> but shun foolish questionings, and genealogies, and strifes, and fightings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. <sup>10</sup> A factious man after a first and second admonition refuse; <sup>11</sup> knowing that such a one is perverted, and sinneth, being self-condemned.

<sup>12</sup> When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, give diligence to come unto me to Nicopolis: for there I have determined to winter.

<sup>13</sup> Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them. <sup>14</sup> And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

<sup>15</sup> All that are with me salute thee. Salute them that love us in faith.

Grace be with you all. Amen.

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