

The Epistle of Paul to Titus

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the sake of the faith of God's chosen and their knowledge of the truth, which is according to godliness,² in hope of life *in the Age to come*, which God, who never lies, promised before *the* times of the Ages,³ but in his own time revealed his word in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior.

⁴To Titus, my true child with respect to *our* common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. ⁵For this reason I left you in Crete, in order that you should set in order the things that were lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you—⁶if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, who are not accused of recklessness or rebelliousness. ⁷For the overseer, as God's steward, must be blameless, not self-pleasing, not quick tempered, not an excessive drinker, not violent, not eager for dishonorable gain,⁸ but given to hospitality, liking *what is* good, sensible, righteous, pure, self-controlled,⁹ firmly holding the

faithful word as he has been taught, so that he may be able to encourage by sound doctrine, and to refute those who oppose it.

¹⁰For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,¹¹ whose mouths must be stopped, men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things that they ought not, for the sake of dishonorable gain. ¹²One of them, *in fact*, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons."¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore, reprove them sharply so that they may be sound in the faith,¹⁴ not paying attention to Jewish myths and *the* commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

¹⁵To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. ¹⁶They profess that they know God, but by their works they deny him, being abominable, and defiant, and unfit for every good work.

2 But as for you, speak the things that are fitting for sound doctrine: ²that older men be clear-minded, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in patience; ³that likewise, older women be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers, nor slaves to much wine, teachers of that which

is good,⁴ in order that they may instruct the young *women* in clear thinking to be lovers of *their* husbands, lovers of *their* children,⁵ to be sensible, pure, working at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, so that the word of God is not defamed.

⁶Likewise, encourage the younger men to be sensible⁷ in all things. Set yourself *as* an example of good works, with soundness in your doctrine, dignity,⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that any opponent may be put to shame, having no evil thing to say about us.

⁹Exhort slaves to be in subjection to their own masters, *and* to be pleasing *to them* in all things, not argumentative,¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith, in order that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live clear-mindedly and righteously and godly in this present world,¹³ waiting for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior—Jesus Christ,¹⁴ who gave himself in our stead, in order that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good works.¹⁵ Continue to speak these things, and continue to exhort and reprove with all

authority. Let no man look down upon you.

3 Remind them to be in subjection to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,² to defame no one, not to be quarrelsome, to be reasonable, showing all meekness toward all people.³ For we also once were unthinking, defiant, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior, and his affectionate concern for mankind, appeared,⁵ he saved us, not by works *done* in righteousness that we did ourselves, but according to his mercy. *He saved us* through the washing of a new beginning and renewal by holy spirit,⁶ which he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ so that, since we have been made righteous by his grace, we became heirs according to the hope of life *in the Age to come*.⁸ This statement is trustworthy, and I want you to speak confidently about these things, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good works. These things are good and profitable for people.

⁹But avoid foolish questionings, and genealogies, and strifes, and fightings about law, for they are unprofitable and futile.

¹⁰Have nothing to do with a divisive

person after a first and second admonition, ¹¹knowing that such a person has been perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

¹²When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me to Nicopolis, for I have decided to winter there. ¹³Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey, so that they lack nothing. ¹⁴And let our *people* also learn to engage in good works for pressing needs, so that they are not unfruitful. ¹⁵All who are with me greet you. Greet those who are our friends in *the* faith. Grace be with you all.

