

# **TITUS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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- A. Titus not mentioned in Book of Acts, but is referred to in many other places in the writings of Paul.
  - B. The strength of character and ability to deal with people was graphically portrayed in the difficult tasks which were given to him.
    - 1. The collection for the Jerusalem Saints. To Corinth, etc.
    - 2. Was used as a peacemaker. The Corinthian church and her problems.
    - 3. He was used to demonstrate a principle (Gal. 2:1-5). Gentile and question of circumcision and keeping Law of Moses.
    - 4. His work on the Island of Crete.
  - C. DATE: About the same as I Timothy. Sometime after his first imprisonment at Rome. Between 62 ---- 67 A.D.
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## **PURPOSE OF BOOK**

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- 1. To select men for overseeing and leadership of the church.
  - 2. The necessity and importance of sound doctrine.
  - 3. To stimulate faith in God's chosen people.
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## **WHY LEFT IN CRETE**

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- A. Selection of elders to provide leadership for the church.
    - 1. The care and condition of the church then, as well as now, depended upon the proper function of elders in local congregations.
    - 2. Compare with I Timothy.
  - B. Importance of right teaching: (1:9).
    - 1. By example
    - 2. By teaching (1:16).
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## **FALSE TEACHERS**

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- A. Description of False Teachers whose mouths must be stopped.
    - 1. Men who walk disorderly.
    - 2. Who are given to talk.
    - 3. Who seek to deceive others.
  - B. Entire families were being turned aside from the faith.
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## SOUND DOCTRINE

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- A. TERM “Sound Doctrine” found only in Timothy and Titus.
    - 1. Sound” found several time...idea of good health.
    - 2. Paul uses it in the spiritual sense.
  - B. “Christianity is the reproduction of the life of Christ in the human heart.
    - 1. All are obligated to do our best to reproduce the life of Christ in our own life.
  - C. An unrighteous soul is an unhealthy soul.....Healthy teaching is that which is according to truth.
  - D. In making application, Paul begins with the family, and rightly so, because as the family goes, so goes the church.
    - 1. The Christian family was a new concept in the pagan world.
    - 2. Husband and wives...respect for each other.
    - 3. Parents....children...
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## Instruction For Various Groups

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- A. Process in Titus:
    - 1. Aged men...duties
    - 2. Older women ..... duties
    - 3. Younger women (Husband lovers) (children lovers) (sober-minded) (chaste) (keepers at home) (kind) (in subjection to own husband).  
Paul gives more space here than to any other...because if failure is found here it will affect all others.
    - 4. Younger men...be sensible.
    - 5. Servants...slaves.
  - B. Preacher’s work in presenting “sound Doctrine”.
    - 1. Uncorruptness, which means pure, unmixed errors of men.
    - 2. Gravity, which means serious and dignified.
    - 3. Sound speech, that cannot be condemned.
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## **Motives For Holy Living**

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### A. THE GRACE OF GOD.

1. That unmerited, unearned favor God has for sinful man.
2. “For by grace are ye saved...” (Eph. 2:8).

### B. Christ will some day come and vindicate all our efforts to live for him.

1. On that day Christ will come as “our Savior.”
  2. Paul here points out the reason for the death of Christ. “To redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works. “
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## **FINAL EXHORTATIONS**

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### A. Subject to the powers that be.

1. We must be subject, not only for wrath’s sake, but for conscience’s sake.

### B. THE KINDNESS OF GOD (3:4-7)

### C. NEED OF OBEDIENCE.

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