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The Epistle of Paul to Titus

{1:1} Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; {1:2} In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; {1:3} But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour; {1:4} To Titus, [mine] own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

{1:5} For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: {1:6} If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. {1:7} For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; {1:8} But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; {1:9} Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. {1:10} For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: {1:11} Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. {1:12} One of themselves, [even] a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians [are] alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. {1:13} This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; {1:14} Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. {1:15} Unto the pure all things [are] pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving [is] nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. {1:16} They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him,] being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

{2:1} But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: {2:2} That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. {2:3} The aged women likewise, that [they be] in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; {2:4} That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, {2:5} [To be] discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. {2:6} Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. {2:7} In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine [shewing] uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, {2:8} Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. {2:9} [Exhort] servants to be obedient unto their own masters, [and] to please [them] well in all [things;] not answering again; {2:10} Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. {2:11} For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, {2:12} Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; {2:13} Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; {2:14} Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous

of good works. {2:15} These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

{3:1} Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, {3:2} To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, [but] gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. {3:3} For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, [and] hating one another. {3:4} But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, {3:5} Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; {3:6} Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; {3:7} That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. {3:8} [This is] a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. {3:9} But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. {3:10} A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; {3:11} Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

{3:12} When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter. {3:13} Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them. {3:14} And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

{3:15} All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace [be] with you all. Amen.

