

Through the Bible Course

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Titus

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Key Verse: 3:8

Author: Paul

Date: Same as 1 Timothy. If there were two imprisonments in Rome, it was during the first; if not, then in the period just before or during imprisonment in Jerusalem.

Titus:

Galatians 2:3 – a Gentile

Galatians 2:1 – went with Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem

2 Corinthians 8:16-18 – a messenger of the Church at Corinth

2 Corinthians 8:23 – a beloved friend and helper of Paul

2 Timothy 4:10 – was with Paul in Rome during last imprisonment

Purpose: To instruct Titus how to deal with the problems of the Church in Crete.

Chapter 1:1-4 – Salutation

I. Chapter 1:5-16 – Instructions concerning church organization and discipline

1. 1:5 – This was Titus' purpose in being in Crete

2. 1:6-9 – Appointment of elders and their qualifications

3. 1:10-16 – Local difficulties and how to deal with them

a. verses 10, 11 – unruly and vain talkers who lead whole houses astray for sake of base gain (filthy lucre)

b. verses 12-14 – evil character of Cretans demands stern treatment that they may be sound in the faith

c. verses 15, 16 – those who know God will show it by works

II. Chapter 2:1-10 – Exhortations to various groups

1. 2:2 – aged men

2. 2:3 – aged women

3. 2:4-5 – young women

4. 2:6 – young men

5. 2:7-8 – Titus himself

6. 2:9-10 – servants

III. Chapter 2:11-15 – Our salvation demands good conduct

1. 2:11-12 – Grace of God teaches we should live godly lives

2. 2:13-15 – The appearance of our Savior, who died for us, calls us to perform good works

IV. Chapter 3:1-11 – Remember all were sinners until salvation of God came. We are now to maintain good works.

1. 3:2 – Teach and rule in meekness

2. 3:3 – We are sinners ourselves

3. 3:4-7 – But the love of God, our Savior, appeared and we were saved and regenerated

4. 3:8-11 – We should be careful then to live right

V. Chapter 3:12-15 – Personal matters