

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOOK OF TITUS

Background of the Epistle

- a. Author: The apostle Paul.
- b. Date: Probably between 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy.
- c. Theme: “A concise summary of how a believer should adorn the doctrine of grace with godliness and good works” (William MacDonald, *Believers Bible Commentary*).

- 1:1 Servant=slave (Paul, James, Peter, Jude, John, Epaphras, Christ, you and me: Rom. 1:1; 6:16-22; Phil. 2:7; Col. 4:12; Jas. 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:1; Jude 1:1; Rev. 1:1).
- 1:1 What is godliness? (Psa. 10:4).
- 1:2 What does “hope” mean?
- 1:2 “God doesn’t lie” (see 1:12).
- 1:2 When did time begin?
- 1:5 How are elders appointed today?
 - a. Elders are to be recognized even if not appointed (1 Thess 5:12-15).
 - b. One is to aspire after being an elder (1 Tim. 3:1).
 - c. One is to meet the qualifications for being an elder (1 Tim. 3:2-7).
 - d. One is to be faithful in doing the work of an elder (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2-3).
- 1:5 Q: “How do these verses about elders affect me, a young person?” A: Young men should consider themselves to be elders in training (TW).
- 1:6 What is the difference between sinless and blameless?
- 1:5-9 These are desirable behaviors for all brothers and sisters in Christ (young and old).
- 1:12 Epimenides Paradox (if a Cretan says, “Cretans are always liars,” is he telling the truth or is he lying?)
- 1:15 What does “unto the pure all things are pure” mean?
- 2:2 The NIV says the older men should be “temperate” and “self-controlled.” What’s the difference?
- 2:2 What do we have to do to be “worthy of respect”?
- 2:2 How can we be “sound … in endurance”?

2:2 What person in the Bible is noted for being a “slanderer” (NIV) or “false accuser” (KJV)?

2:2 Do you think women are more likely than men to be false accusers? to be addicted to much wine? (1 Tim. 3:8).

2:4 The apostle Paul urges husbands to love (*agape*) their wives (Eph. 5:25) and here asks Titus to teach the younger women to love (*philia*) their husbands and children. What is the difference between *agape* love and *philia* love?

2:5 Do the Scriptures give any exceptions to women being “subject to their husbands”?

2:9,10 Do these verses have anything to say to those who are not slaves or servants?

2:11,12 What are some benefits of the grace of God?

2:13 Is there a difference between the “appearing” of Christ and His “coming” (1 Thess. 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23)?

2:14 Are we always “eager [or zealous] to do what is good”? (also 2:3,5,7,14; 3:1,8,14).

3:5 What do we need to do to be saved?

3:5 Rebirth, see John 3:3-7; Eph. 5:26.

3:9 Why are genealogies to be avoided?

3:10 What is a divisive person?