

1. To whom do Christians owe obedience?
2. Does verse 2 allow speaking evil on rare occasions, quarreling only in a good cause, or expressing contempt of clearly contemptible people?
3. Before being saved, were we really as bad as Paul describes in verse 3?
4. Verse 5 states that we are saved not by our own righteous works, but verses just before and after it urge us to do good works. Why should we?
5. Does the washing in verse 5 refer to baptism?

To put it another way:

Titus 3:1-2 (KJV) Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

Titus 3:1-2 (NASB) Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

Titus 3:1-2 (ESV) Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

Cross References

2 Timothy 2:14 (NASB) Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers.

Romans 13:1 (NASB) Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

2 Tim 2:24-25a (ESV) And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.

6. What are some modern examples of the unprofitable controversies that Paul deploras in verse 9?

7. What is to be done with a person who causes divisions (also known as a heretic)?

Wrap Up

What does this passage say about:

The Savior:

The Christian walk:

The assembly:

Cross References

Eph 2:8-9 (KJV) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

John 3:5 (NASB) Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

1 Timothy 1:15 (NASB) It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

Romans 16:17 (NASB) Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.