

# December 19/Day 353

## Titus 1

### Verses 1-3

- Who authored this letter?
- Why was he a bond-servant and an apostle?
- We saw in Ephesians, the chosen of God are the believers. This does not imply He chose some for salvation and not others. Jesus died for all. He simply refers to the believers as the chosen.
- With what was Paul entrusted?

### Verse 4

- To whom does he write this letter?

### Verses 5-9

- For what purpose did Paul leave him in Crete?
- What again were the qualifications for church leaders?

### Verses 10-16

- What were many men like? Especially whom?
- What were they doing to families? Why?
- What did one say about men on Crete? Was this true?
- Reprove means “to reprimand”.
- How are the pure and the defiled contrasted here?
- What does verse 16 say they profess? But what do their deeds deny? Do their deeds require Paul to make a judgment? Does this cause you to think about those patterns of life passages we have seen?

## Titus 2

### Verses 1-2

- But as for you who? To whom is this letter written?
- What was he to speak?
- What does he teach about older men?

### Verses 3-5

- What does he teach about older women?
- What word is used here in regard to much wine?
- In what way should they be an example to the younger women?
- To whose husband should she subject herself? Is she subject to instruction or reproof by other men?

Verses 6-8

- What should young men be like and why?

Verses 9-10

- What about bond-slaves?
- To pilfer means to steal. My grandmother used to say not to pilfer or plunder through her things. She used these words improperly. What she meant to say was snoop.

Verses 11-14

- Why did the grace of God appear and what did His grace bring? To whom? Who then is God's grace?
- What are believers to deny? If we have God's Spirit within us, we are certainly capable of this choice.
- How are believers to live? If we have God's Spirit within us, we are certainly capable of this choice.
- From what did Jesus redeem (buy back) us?
- What is the purpose of purifying us? Believers still sin, how is it possible to be pure? Is it something we work hard at, or is it by receiving His free gift then by the process of the washing of the water of the word?

Verse 15

- How should Titus speak?
- He's told to exhort and reprove with authority, but so many Christians now think this is judgmental and that love and grace allow other Christians to live however they wish. How is this thinking contradictory to all of Paul's teachings?

## Titus 3

Verses 1-11

- To whom are they to be subject? Though Paul himself taught and spoke when he was told by the rulers to stop. Is he contradicting himself, or is he speaking of being subjected in general based on what he just said about the Cretans? Remember, context is key.

- What WERE we before we became believers? Notice, he is not talking about immoral behaviors here, he's talking about attitudes.
- The kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared. Who embodied these characteristics of God?
- How did He save us? On the basis of our righteous deeds? If they are OUR righteous deeds, what term would we use to describe them?
- Genesis means "beginning". We get our word generator from this word. And generation. To be re-generated means to begin again. This is why we use the term "born-again" to refer to our salvation. When we were born the first time we were generated by the birth of our physical bodies. When we were re-generated, our spirit came alive within us, our spirit was born, hence we were born-again.
- Justified means to be declared not guilty. What does this have to do with being made heirs?
- What were they to avoid and why?
- What were they to reject? This is a person who divides and seeks followers for himself.

Verses 12-14

- Who is mentioned in this passage you may recognize as Paul's messenger?
- Who is mentioned here that unintentionally caused division in Corinth because people chose sides?
- What kind of needs should their good deeds meet?
- Is there any application for us?

Verse 15

See you tomorrow.