



# TITUS

His grace, inspiring change

# Recap

- Written by Paul to Titus
- Titus is to focus on Crete and its people
  - Appoint Elders
  - Confront False Teachers
- A Letter to Us- **Live Differently**

# Titus 2: 1

<sup>1</sup> You, however, must teach **what is appropriate to sound doctrine.**

# Matthew 28: 19-20

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

## Titus 2: 2

<sup>2</sup> Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and **sound in faith**, in love and *in endurance*.

*Hupomone: steadfast and active endurance, not a passive waiting.*

Actively addressing the challenges of life.

# Titus 2: 3

<sup>3</sup> Likewise, teach the older women to be **reverent** in the way they live, **not to be slanderers** or addicted to much wine, but to **teach what is good**.

## Titus 2: 4-5

<sup>4</sup> Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup> to be **self-controlled and pure**, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be **subject to their husbands**, so that no one will malign the word of God.

# Submission

*A voluntary, mutual, and respectful act where both partners, out of reverence for Christ, put each other first.*

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## Titus 2: 6-8

<sup>6</sup> Similarly, encourage the young men to be **self-controlled**. <sup>7</sup> In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness <sup>8</sup> and soundness of speech **that cannot be condemned**, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they **have nothing bad to say about us**.

## Titus 2: 9-10

<sup>9</sup> Teach slaves to be **subject to their masters** in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, <sup>10</sup> and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will **make the teaching about God** our Savior attractive.

# Spurgeon: Paul's view on Slavery

“I do not think for a moment Paul believed that the practice of slavery ought to exist. He believed to the fullest extent that the great principles of Christianity would overthrow slavery anywhere, and the sooner they did so the better pleased would he be; but, for the time being, as it was the custom to have slaves, they must adorn the doctrine of God their Savior in the position in which they were.”

Charles Spurgeon 1895 The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Vol. 41

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## Philemon 1: 15-16

<sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that **you might have him back forever**— <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but **better than a slave, as a dear brother**. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

# Titus 2: 11

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

## Titus 2: 12-14

<sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live **self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age**, <sup>13</sup> while we **wait** for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

# Titus 2: 15

15 These, then, are the things you should teach. **Encourage** and **rebuke** with **all authority**. Do not let anyone despise you.

# So What?

- Intergenerational and Same Sex teaching is Valuable
- You are a model- regardless of your station
- God's Grace is for everyone

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2 Corinthians 9:7

