

Bible Study – Outline

TITUS

Hope for the Future – Leadership in the Church

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<u>Audience:</u>	Titus – a Greek who converted to Christianity
<u>Key Places:</u>	Crete

Major Theme(s)

Instructions to Church leaders
Teach Sound Doctrine
Commit To Good Works
The Hope of Eternal Life

Key People

Paul, Titus

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP
Greetings (1:1-3)
Titus' responsibilities (1:4-5)
II. Concerning Elders
A. Reasons for Leaving Titus in Crete (1:5)
B. Qualifications of Elders (1:6-9)
III. Concerning False Teachers (1:10-16)
CHRISTIAN LIVING IN DIFFICULT TIMES
IV. Concerning Various Groups in the Congregations
A. The Instructions to Different Groups (2:1-10) Teach sound doctrine
B. The Foundation for Christian Living (2:11-14)
C. The Duty of Titus (2:15)
V. Concerning Believers in General - Commit to Good Works
A. Obligations as Citizens (3:1-2)
B. Motives for Godly Conduct (3:3-8)
VI. Concerning Response to Spiritual Error (3:9-11)
VII. Conclusion, Final Greetings and Benediction (3:12-15)

Key Scriptures

Titus 1:2 *

in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,

Titus 1:12

One of Crete's own prophets has said it: "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons."

Titus 1:15-16

To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. ¹⁶ They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Titus 3:3

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

Titus 3:4-8 *

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Titus 3:9-11

But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. ¹⁰ Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. ¹¹ You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.

- refer to the notes for these verses in the Life Application Bible (NIV)

Good Deeds

Titus 1:16

They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good

Titus 2:7

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness

Titus 2:14

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 3:1

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient; to be ready to do whatever is good,

Titus 3:8

This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Titus 3:14

Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.

See also – Matt. 5:16, Eph. 2:10, 1 Pet. 2:12

Discussion Questions

1. What is sound doctrine?
2. What must be accompanied with sound doctrine?
3. How are we to react to civil authorities?
4. What scripture can be used to prove that Jesus Christ is God?
5. Paul begins and ends the letter to Titus with a certain hope. What is it?

Resources Used

Adventuring Through the Bible by Ray Stedman
Life Application Bible (NIV) - Zondervan and Tyndale House.
www.biblestudytools.com
www.biblegateway.com