

The book of Titus is a letter written by the Apostle Paul, to a man known as Titus. Titus was one of those converted to Christ, through the gospel of the Apostle Paul. And this man was a native of the city of Crete.

Crete is an island in the *south of Greece*, formerly called Crete and to this day it is still called Crete.

So the Apostle Paul, on his preaching tours, also came to the island, and finally this Titus became one of his fruits in the Gospel. And because he was more zealous than the other, he was appointed by the Holy Spirit to be the overseer of the churches of those cities.

And Paul and his companions, after leaving that city, to go to other cities to preach the gospel, had to write to Titus, and give him a few instructions on how to build the church, and these instructions were divided into two parts.

1) Instructions on how to appoint church leaders and

2) Instructions for all church members.

1. INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO APPOINT CHURCH LEADERS.

The appointment of leaders was based on some scripture, so Paul had to teach Titus how to use the bishops, pastors, and elders of the church, as they should, so that the church would not fall into disregard for authority.

So Paul, under the inspiration of the Spirit, wrote the letter to Titus, and some of the things he said were a statement.

Titus 1: 4 "To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given

to filthy lucre;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

2. INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL BELIEVERS OF THE CHURCH.

In addition, Paul gave instructions to Titus, and these instructions were to be a warning to all believers, both old and young, young and old, and slaves.

He admonished the older women to be holy in their behavior, to be

examples to the younger women, and to be obedient to their masters.

Titus 2:1 "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the

contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Also, the Apostle Paul, instructed Titus, to remind the people to be submissive to the authorities.

Titus 3:1 "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

Finally, he said these words to him..

Titus 2:15 "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee".

In this Epistle learn a number of things.

1. We first learn that the church of Christ is led by bishops, pastors, who have scriptural costs, as we read above.

2. And every member of the church must learn to live a holy life.

If older people they should know that there is youth under them.

Those childrens supposed to learn from you, what are they learn if you still do jokes?? If they see you old person wearing unnecessary what will they learn from you??

Likewise if you are a slave, perhaps working for a certain organization, or even older than you, and then they see you as rude, a thief, and not

humble, what image do you paint of Christianity?

And it also teaches us as members of the body of Christ, the submission of authority. No matter who the authority is, the Bible warns us to be respectful and humble, the humility spoken of there is not to worship or fear them so much that even if they tell you not to worship your God obey them.

No! But the humility mentioned there is that of you following and obeying all their instructions that lead to doing good, and respecting them as you respect all other people.

For example, an authority in your city has said “one day is to clean up” then you have to obey.

3. And the last thing we can learn is to rebuke, and to warn with all authority all those who go against the Word of God in the church.

Paul told Titus to reprove, so even today we have the same responsibility, to rebuke adultery and fornication in the church, to rebuke the drunkards in the church, to rebuke the blasphemers and abusers of the church, and the Bible says to do so with all authority, without fear because it is not sin.

Many are afraid to reprimand because they feel that they will be judging people. No !. To be told the truth is not to be judged but to be warned. With the bible and Christianity in general, its main responsibility is warnings! Nothing else, if you do not want warnings, then Christianity is not worth it.

The Lord bless us.

If you have not received Jesus, if you are still wearing half naked, if you are still a drunkard, a polytheist, a thief etc. know that if you die today you will go to hell. So it is better that you receive Jesus today by repenting, and stopping sinning, so that you may be saved and forgiven of your sins.

Jesus Christ is at the door to return !!!.

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