

## Titus

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of the chosen ones of God, and an acknowledging of truth that [is] according to piety, <sup>2</sup> on hope of continuous life, which God, who does not lie, promised before times of ages <sup>3</sup> (and He revealed His word in [His] own times), in preaching, which I was entrusted with, according to a charge of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> to Titus—true child according to a common faith: Grace, **[[kindness,]]** peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior! <sup>5</sup> For this cause I left you in Crete, that you may arrange the things lacking, and may set elders down in every city, as I appointed to you, <sup>6</sup> if anyone is blameless, a husband of one wife, having believing children, not under accusation of riotous living or insubordinate—<sup>7</sup> for it is required of the overseer to be blameless, as God's steward, not self-pleased, nor prone to anger, not given to wine, not an abuser, not given to shameful gain, <sup>8</sup> but a lover of strangers, a lover of [the] good, sober-minded, righteous, holy, self-controlled, <sup>9</sup> holding—according to the teaching—to the steadfast word, that he may also be able to exhort in the sound teaching, and to convict the deniers; <sup>10</sup> for there are many both insubordinate, vain-talkers, and mind-deceivers—especially those of the circumcision— <sup>11</sup> whose mouths must be covered, who overturn whole

households, teaching what things it should not, for [the] sake of shameful gain. <sup>12</sup> A certain one of them, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans! Always liars, evil beasts, lazy bellies!” <sup>13</sup> This testimony is true; for which cause convict them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, <sup>14</sup> not giving heed to Jewish fables and commands of men, turning themselves away from the truth. <sup>15</sup> All things, indeed, [are] pure to the pure, and nothing [is] pure to the defiled and unsteadfast, but even the mind and the conscience of them [is] defiled. <sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but they deny [Him] by their works, being abominable, and disobedient, and disapproved to every good work.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> But you—speak what is suitable [according] to the sound teaching. <sup>2</sup> Elders [are] to be temperate, dignified, sober, sound in faith, in the love, in the endurance. <sup>3</sup> Aged women, in like manner, in behavior as becomes sacred persons, not false accusers, not enslaved to much wine, teachers of good things, <sup>4</sup> that they may make the young women sober-minded, to be lovers of [their] husbands, lovers of [their] children, <sup>5</sup> sober, pure, keepers of [their own] houses, good, subject to their own husbands, that evil may not be spoken of the word of God. <sup>6</sup> The younger men, in like manner, exhort [them] to be sober-minded. <sup>7</sup> Concerning all things, present yourself [as] a pattern of good works—in the teaching [with] uncorruptedness, dignity,

<sup>8</sup> sound discourse [that is] blameless, so that he who is of the contrary may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say concerning you. <sup>9</sup> Servants [are] to be subject to their own masters, to be well-pleasing in all things, not contradicting, <sup>10</sup> not stealing, but showing all good steadfastness, that the teaching of God our Savior they may adorn in all things. <sup>11</sup> For the saving grace of God has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us, that denying the impiety and the worldly desires, we may live soberly, and righteously, and piously in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might ransom us from all lawlessness, and might purify to Himself a special people, zealous of good works. <sup>15</sup> Speak these things, and exhort and convict with all authority; let no one despise you!

### 3

<sup>1</sup> Remind them to be subject to principalities and authorities, to obey rule, to be ready to every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, not to be quarrelsome—gentle, showing all meekness to all men, <sup>3</sup> for we, also, were once thoughtless, disobedient, led astray, serving manifold desires and pleasures, living in malice and envy, odious—hating one another; <sup>4</sup> and when the kindness and the love to men of God our Savior appeared <sup>5</sup> (not by works that [are] in righteousness that we did but according to His kindness), He saved us, through a bathing of regeneration,

and a renewing of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> which He poured on us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> that having been declared righteous by His grace, we may become heirs according to the hope of continuous life. <sup>8</sup> The word [is] steadfast; and concerning these things I intend you to affirm fully, that they may be thoughtful, to be leading in good works—who have believed God; these are the good and profitable things to men, <sup>9</sup> but stand away from foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about law—for they are unprofitable and vain. <sup>10</sup> Reject a heretical man, after a first and second admonition, <sup>11</sup> having known that he has been subverted who [is] such, and sins, being self-condemned. <sup>12</sup> When I will send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me to Nicopolis, for I have determined to winter there. <sup>13</sup> Diligently send forth Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, that nothing to them may be lacking, <sup>14</sup> and let them learn—ours also—to be leading in good works to the necessary uses, that they may not be unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> All those with me greet you. Greet those cherishing us in faith. The grace [is] with you all!

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