THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TITUS

1 Paul a seruaunt of God, and an Apostle of Iesus Christ, according to the faith of Gods elect, and the acknowledging of the trueth, which is according vnto godlines; 2 Vnto the hope of eternall life, which God that cannot lie, hath promised before the world began: 3 But hath made his worde manifest in due time through the preaching, which is committed vnto me, according to the commandement of God our Sauiour: 4 To Titus my naturall sonne according to the common faith, Grace, mercie and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ our Sauiour. 5 For this cause left I thee in Creta, that thou shouldest continue to redresse the thinges that remaine, and shouldest ordeine Elders in euery citie, as I appointed thee, 6 If any be vnreproueable, the husband of one wife, hauing faithfull children, which are not slandered of riot, neither are disobedient. 7 For a Bishop must bee vnreproueable, as Gods steward, not froward, not angrie, not giuen to wine, no striker, not giuen to filthie lucre, 8 But harberous, one that loueth goodnesse, wise, righteous, holy, temperate, 9 Holding fast that faithfull worde according to doctrine, that he also may bee able to exhort with wholesome doctrine, and conuince them that say against it. 10 For there are many disobedient and vaine talkers and deceiuers of mindes, chiefly they of the Circumcision, 11 Whose mouthes must bee stopped, which subuert whole houses, teaching things, which they ought not, for filthie lucre sake. 12 One of themselues, euen one of their owne prophets said, The Cretians are alwaies liars, euill beastes,
slowe bellies. 13 This witnesse is true: wherefore conuince
them sharply, that they may be sound in ye faith, 14 And
not taking heede to Iewish fables and commandements
of men, that turne away from the trueth. 15 Vnto the pure
are all things pure, but vnto them that are defiled, and
vnbeleeuing, is nothing pure, but euen their mindes and
consciences are defiled. 16 They professe that they know
God, but by works they deny him, and are abominable and
disobedient, and vnto euery good worke reprobate.

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1 Bvt speake thou the thinges which become whole-
some doctrine, 2 That the elder men be watchful, graue,
teperate, sounde in the faith, in loue, and in patience:
3 The elder women likewise, that they be in such be-
hauior as becommeth holinesse, not false accusers, not
subject to much wine, but teachers of honest things,
4 That they may instruct the yong women to be sober
minded, that they loue their husbands, that they loue
their children, 5 That they be temperate, chaste, keeping
at home, good and subject vnto their husbands, that the
word of God be not euill spoken of. 6 Exhort yong men
likewise, that they bee sober minded. 7 In all things shewe
thy selfe an ensample of good woorkes with vnccorrupt
document, with grauitie, integritie, 8 And with the whole-
some woorde, which can not be condemned, that hee
which withstandeth, may be ashamed, hauing nothing
concerning you to speake euill of. 9 Let servants be
subject to their masters, and please them in al things, not
answering again, 10 Neither pickers, but that they shew
al good faithfulness, that they may adorne the doctrine
of God our Sauiour in all things. 11 For that grace of
God, that bringeth salvation vnto all men, hath appeared,
12 And teacheth vs that we should denie vngodlinesse
and worldly lusts, and that we should live soberly and
righteously, and godly in this present world, 13 Looking
for that blessed hope, and appearing of that glorie of
that mightie God, and of our Saviour Iesus Christ, 14 Who
gave him selfe for vs, that hee might redeeme vs from
all iniquitie, and purge vs to bee a peculiar people vnto
himselfe, zealous of good worke. 15 These things speake,
and exhort, and conuince with all authoritie. See that no
man despise thee.

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1 Pvt them in remembrance that they bee subject to
the Principalities and powers, and that they bee obedient,
and ready to euery good worke, 2 That they speake euill
of no man, that they be no fighters, but soft, shewing all
meekenesse vnto all men. 3 For wee our selues also were
in times past vnwise, disobedient, deceiued, seruing the
lustes and diuers pleasures, liuing in maliciousnes and
enuiue, hatefull, and hating one another: 4 But when that
bountifulnesse and that loue of God our Saviour toward
man appeared, 5 Not by the worke of righteousnessse,
which we had done, but according to his mercie he saued
vs, by the washing of the newe birth, and the renewing
of the holy Ghost, 6 Which he shed on vs abundantly,
through Iesus Christ our Saviour, 7 That we, being justi-
fied by his grace, should be made heires according to the
hope of eternall life. 8 This is a true saying, and these
thinges I will thou shouldest affirme, that they which
haue beleued God, might be carefull to shewe foorth
good worke. These things are good and profitable vnto
men. 9 But stay foolish questions, and genealogies, and
contentions, and brawlings about the Lawe: for they are
vpnprofitable and vaine. 10 Reiect him that is an heretike,
after once or twise admonition, 11 Knowing that hee that
is such, is peruersted, and sinneth, being damned of his owne selfe. 12 When I shall send Artemas vnto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to mee vnto Nicopolis: for I haue determined there to winter. 13 Bring Zenas the expounder of the Lawe, and Apollos on their iourney diligently, that they lacke nothing. 14 And let ours also learne to shewe foorth good woorkes for necessary vses, that they be not vnfruitfull. 15 All that are with mee, salute thee. Greete them that loue vs in the faith. Grace bee with you all, Amen. ‘To Titus, elect the first bishoppe of the Church of the Cretians, written from Nicopolis in Macedonia.’