

Part 58 | Titus: Truth & Transformation
Titus (after Acts 28:30-31)

Crete: a crazy culture 1:10-16

Paul leaves Titus at Crete to bring **ORDER** to the church, (Chapter 1)

standards for all Christians 1:6-9

↑ encouraging them to embrace sound teaching and God's **GRACE**, (Chapter 2)

those standards are for *all* Christians 2:1-10

only by grace 2:11-14

which leads to godly **LIVING**. (Chapter 3)

remember who you were 3:1-3

live like a Christian, not a Cretan 3:1-11

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PAUL'S LETTER TO
Titus

As we wrap up Acts, there are a few letters Paul writes possibly from Rome, or possibly from a later journey after his time in Rome that happens after the time of Acts. **This week we're in Titus.**

Where in Acts?	Acts 28:30-31?; Acts 2:11?; Galatians 2:1-3; 2 Cor. 7-8
Why did Paul write?	We're not sure when Paul met Titus, but Paul mentions him as a coworker of his in multiple letters. In Galatians 2:1-3 we learn that Titus is a Greek and that he accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem during the dispute over Gentiles and the Law. Paul evidently sent him to Corinth to bring order to the church there (2 Corinthians 7-8). Now Paul has Titus at Crete, and he writes to encourage him to do the same with the church there.
Key Verses	1:5 – Paul's purpose for writing 2:11-12 – God's grace saves and changes us 3:4-5 – We're saved by Jesus's righteousness, not our own 3:8 – True faith yields good living
Basic Outline	1: Leadership in the church. (Chapter 1) 2: Right living in the church. (Chapters 2) 3: Right living in society. (Chapters 3)
Key Topics	• Character • Church Relationships & Order • Living as a Believer

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

Food for Thought
Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card, or contact the church office! Most groups break for the summer, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!

Food for Thought...

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

This week, take time to read through 1 Timothy.

Day 1 – When Josh and Josh presented the Gospel Conversations WebApp, they asked each of us to pray about who that person is in our lives that we'd like to have an intentional impact on. Think of how you can develop an intentional friendship with them to bring good to their life, and ultimately the Gospel. Write the name of that person for you below. (Better yet — get on Gospel Conversations an list them in your PEARL list!)



GET THE APP!

Day 2 – Read Titus, Chapter 1: Church leaders are not held to a higher standard than other Christians, they are just judged more strictly to the standard God lays out for every Christian. That means the list of character qualities in this chapter is a great list for all of us to aspire to live out in our daily lives. Go through the list and identify which two or three elements you need to either turn from or add to your life. If you're unsure on any element, ask a close friend for his/her feedback.

(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)

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If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...

- 1 | Receiving From God. Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?
- 2 | Responding To God. How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?
- 3 | Receiving From Others. Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?
- 4 | Moving Toward Others. How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)
- 5 | Going to those Far from God. How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

Word Find in the Word Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Titus 3:4-8 (ESV) Find the words **bolded** below.

4 But when the **goodness** and **loving kindness** of God our **Savior** **appeared**, 5 he **saved** us, not **because** of works **done** by us in **righteousness**, but **according** to his own **mercy**, by the **washing** of **regeneration** and **renewal** of the **Holy Spirit**, 6 whom he **poured** out on us **richly** through **Jesus Christ** our **Savior**, 7 so that **being** **justified** by his **grace** we might **become heirs** **according** to the **hope** of **eternal** **life**. 8 The **saying** is **trustworthy**, and I **want** you to **insist** on these **things**, so that those who have believed in God may **be** careful to devote themselves to **good** works. These **things** are excellent and profitable for people.

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Food for Thought (continued)

Day 3 – Read Titus, Chapter 2: Paul used the word “self-controlled” four times in this chapter, which emphasizes how important he thought it was for us to have self-control in our lives. The only way we will experience self-control is by maintaining the mindset that it is only possible through the power that comes from the Holy Spirit (see Romans 7 and 8). How well are you doing developing this mindset of dependence on the Holy Spirit?

Day 4 – Read Titus, Chapter 3: Take some time to thank God for what he has done for us “not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.”

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