



PAULINE
Epistles

**Welcome to a New Study on
Paul's Minor Epistles**

Sanford church of Christ

Schedule of Books in the Study:

- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

THE
STUDY
OF
TITUS

ΚΡΗΤΗ

Κνισός

Γόρτυς

Φαιστός

ΠΡΟΣ ΤΙΤΟΝ
ΠΑΥΛΟΣ ΔΟΥΛΟΣ ΘΕΟΥ

Τὸ πνεῦμα καὶ ἡ νύμφη λέγουσιν·
ἔρχου. καὶ ὁ ἀκούων εἰπάτω·
ἔρχου. καὶ ὁ διψῶν ἔρχεσθε
καὶ ἕνα ποταμὸν ὕδατος ζωῆς
ἕρξαι δωρεάν.

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior; 4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Titus 1:1 – 4 (ESV)

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- Titus was a convert of Paul. (Titus 1:4)
- Titus was currently on the island of Crete. (Titus 1:5)





GREECE

ATTICA

Athens

PELOPONNESE

Myrtoan
Sea

Cyclades

Aegean
Sea

Lesbos

Chios

Samos

TURKEY

Kythira

Sea of Crete

Carpathian
Sea

Rhodes

Kissamos
Chania

Rethymno

Heraklion

Agios
Nikolaos

Sitia

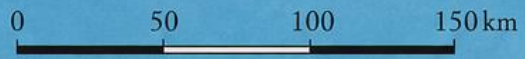
CRETE

Gavdos

Chrysi

Koufonisi

Mediterranean Sea



CRETE IN THE FIRST CENTURY

— New Testament Period —

Crete was a Roman province (since 67 BC) and known for its many cities, strong seafaring culture, and strategic location in the Mediterranean. Paul left Titus there to appoint elders in every town and set things in order. (Titus 1:5)



Rome

ITALY

Sicily

Syracuse

MALTA

ADRIATIC
SEA

IONIAN
SEA

SEA OF CRETE
(AEGEAN SEA)

Kydonia
(Cydonia)

Aptaera

Elyros

Polyrhenia

Knossos

Lyttos

Malia

Gournia

KISSAMOS
REGION

SELINOS
REGION

Mount Ida

KNOSSOS
REGION

GORTYN
REGION

IERAPYTNA
REGION

Phaistos

Hierapytna
(Hierapetra)

Cyrene

AFRICA

Alexandria

EGYPT

MACEDONIA
(Greece)

Beraea

Thessalonica

THRACE

Byzantium

Troas

Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Ephesus

Miletus

ASIA MINOR

Rhodes

CYPRUS

Salamis

Paphos

Antioch

SYRIA

LEGEND

- Major City
- Other Town
- Roman Road
- - - Regional Boundary
- Mountainous Area



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- Titus was a Gentile. (Galatians 2:1 – 5)
- Titus is not mentioned in the book of Acts.

Theme of the Letter:

**“To set in order what
remained”**

(Titus 1:5)

Key Words and Phrases:

- ▶ “Faith” is found 5 times.
- ▶ “Exhort” is found 4 times.
- ▶ “Sound Doctrine” or “sound in the faith” is found 7 times.
- ▶ “Good Works” is found 7 times.

Outline of the Letter

- ▶ Chapter 1: **Set in Order**
- ▶ Chapter 2: **Teach Sound Doctrine**
- ▶ Chapter 3: **Be Ready for Every Good Work**

Breakdown of the Letter:

▶ Chapter 1: **Set in Order**

- ▶ Greetings (Titus 1:1-4)

- ▶ Paul instructs Titus in the Qualifications of Elders (Titus 1:5 – 9)

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

TITUS 1:5-9

“This is why I left you in Crete, that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—if anyone is blameless, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.”

TITUS 1:5-6

OVERSIGHT IN GOD'S CHURCH

Elders are called by God to shepherd His people with character, compassion, and truth.



1. BLAMELESS

Above reproach; morally and spiritually irreproachable. v. 6



2. HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE

Faithful in marriage; not given to sexual immorality. v. 6



3. CHILDREN BELIEVERS

His children share his faith and reflect a godly home. v. 6



4. NOT OPEN TO CHARGE

Not easily accused; has a good reputation with those outside the church. v. 6



5. HOSPITABLE

Loves to welcome and care for others with generosity. v. 8



6. LOVES WHAT IS GOOD

Has a genuine love for what is right, true, and commendable. v. 8



7. SELF-CONTROLLED

Disciplined and sober-minded in all things. v. 8



8. UPRIGHT

Lives with integrity and moral wholeness. v. 8



9. HOLY

Set apart for God; reverent in thought, word, and deed. v. 8



10. DISCIPLINED

Manages his life and responsibilities well. v. 8



11. SOUND IN FAITH AND SPEECH

Teaches and speaks God's truth with accuracy. v. 9



12. ABLE TO EXHORT AND REFUTE

Encourages others in truth and confidently rebukes false teaching. v. 9

“For an overseer must be above reproach, as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not indulging in wine, not pugnacious, not greedy for dishonest gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.”

TITUS 1:7-8



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 - ▶ To be continued...