

THE BOOK OF

TITUS

Cretans or Christians?

Titus 1:1-9

The Book of Titus

Written by: Paul 65AD aprox.

Written to: Titus, Pauls Son in the Faith

- The book of Titus is called one of the “Pastoral Epistles”.
- Titus was left in Crete to help put in order the churches there.



Who Were the Cretans?

Crete: An island in the Mediterranean Sea, inhabited by 4 people groups.

Predominately Greek. One of lands the Philistines originated from. (Amos 9:7, Jer. 47:4)

Cretan: Synonymous with being called a liar.

Who Were the Cretans?

- Home to Mt. Ida and the Diktaean caves which were said to be the birth place of Zeus in Greek Mythology.
- King Minos, the mythological half son of Zeus was said to be the first mighty king of Crete. Having over 100 cities.

Who Were the Cretans?

Cretans were known for:

being traders, sailors, mercenaries (swords for hire), skilled archers, deceivers, liars and brutal like beasts.

Main Issues In Crete:

- Bad moral character
- Immaturity in the faith
- Bad theology
- False prophets/teachers/imposters
(Titus 1:5, 10-16; 2:1-12; 3:8-11)

“11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,
13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,” **Titus 2:11-13**

“14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. 15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.”

Titus 2:14-15

“Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,”

Titus 1:1-2 NKJV

“3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior; 4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.”

Titus 1:3-4 NKJV

“5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you— 6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination.”

Titus 1:5-6 NKJV

“7 For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, 8 but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled”

Titus 1:7-8 NKJV

Paul's Intro - Paul is a:

Bondservant of God: fully surrendered to do His will, that being His servant is better than life apart from Him.

Apostle: Meaning "Sent One", Paul was sent by Jesus to be a light to the gentiles.

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Elder/Overseer/Bishop/Pastor

Elder: gk Presbyteros - meaning older man or mature man of faith, spiritual leader

Bishop/Overseer: gk Episkopos - overseer, to look intently.

Pastor/Shepherd: gk Poimen - shepherd, pastor.

Character Traits Of An Elder

23 Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny himself, and take up his cross daily,** and follow Me. 24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Luke 9:23-24

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Character Traits Of An Elder

Blameless: gk Angekletos - not called to account, unprovable, unconvictable, a person of scrutinized character.

Husband of One Wife: one woman man, has one wife and is loyal to her.

Character Traits Of An Elder

Faithful Children: well trained, disciplined, loved, that the elder is modeling out in his home Christlike love and discipline and it is showing through his children.

*“The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him.”*

Proverbs 20:7 NKJV

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Character Traits Of An Elder

Steward/Not Self-Willed: A faithful manager living for his Masters will and not his own. He using his Master's resources for His glory. A bondservant, an ambassador, a servant and an undershepherd of Christs.

Character Traits Of An Elder

Should NOT BE: Quick-tempered, addicted to alcohol, violent or greedy for money.

(From 1 Timothy 3) not covetous, not quarrelsome, not a new believer as to be prideful.

(Proverbs 12:16; 14:17,29; 20:1; 1 Tim 3:1-7)

Character Traits Of An Elder

Hospitable: A lover of strangers, kindness to strangers, taking in of people.

Sober-Minded: of sound mind and thinking, aligned with God's will and doctrine.

Self-Controlled: mastery of self and your actions.

Character Traits Of An Elder

Just: in the eyes of God through Christ, just in the eyes of his family, church and community. Just in his actions and speech. Fairness, righteousness.

Holy: Set apart to God, in the world but not of it, Christlikeness.

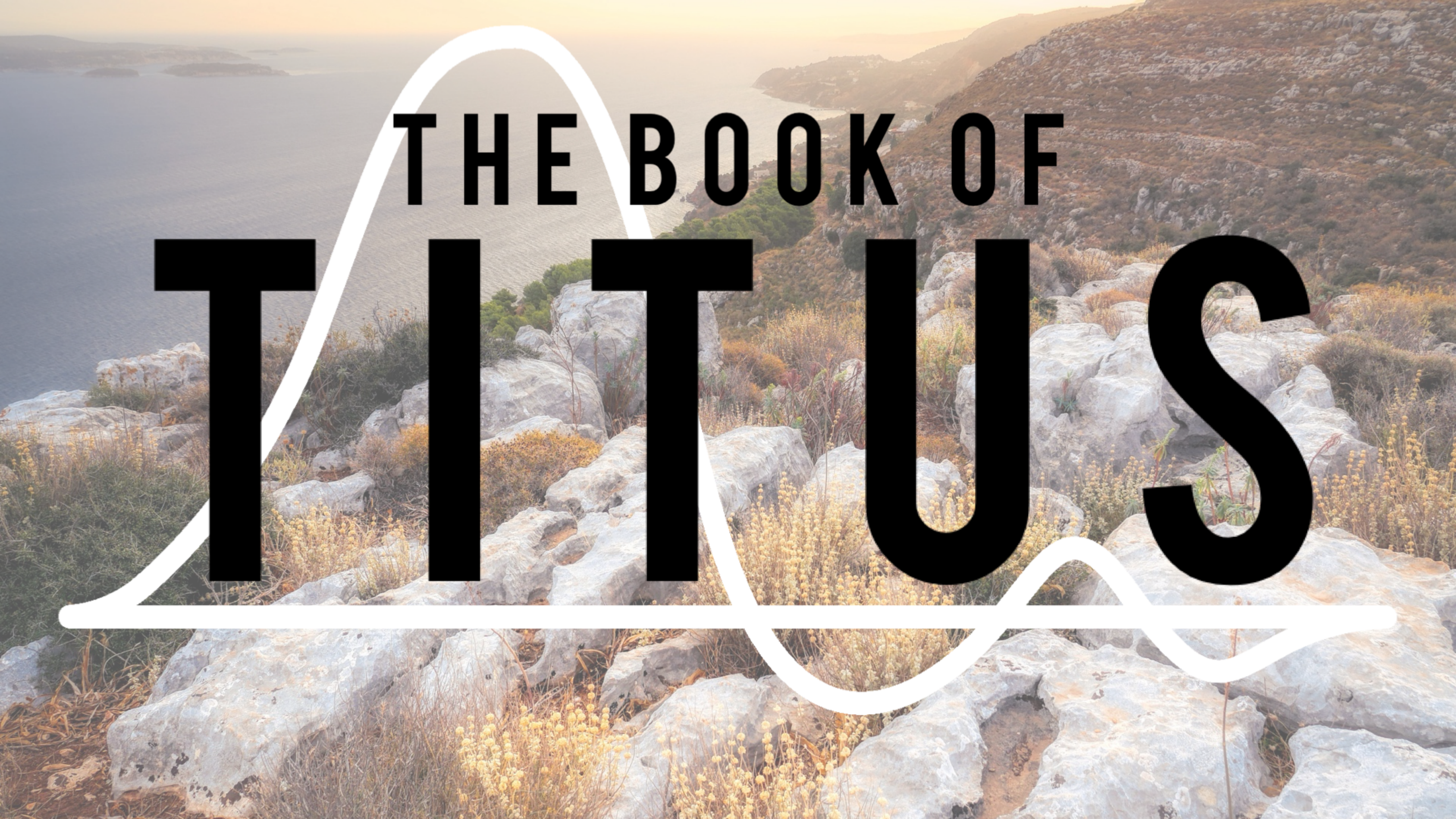
“9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.”

Titus 1:9 NKJV

Character Traits Of An Elder

Good doctrine: living his life in accordance to and encouraging others to hold to solid biblical beliefs and to godly living.

Able to teach/correct: Able to share the biblical doctrine he has received with others, helping them apply it to their lives.



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