

SETTING THINGS IN ORDER
Conduct Becoming a Believer
Titus 3

(v.1, 2)

Christ is our uniform, our “code of conduct.”

(Galatians 3:26, 27) For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Soldiers in Christ - 2 Timothy 2:3-5.

(2 Corinthians 10:4-6) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Obedience both toward God and man!

(Acts 24:16) This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

Jesus reminded Pilate; (John 19:11a) “You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above.”

Subjugation in *accordance* with Romans 13:1-5.

Two Biblical instances whereby ruling authority was opposed:

1) **Citizen Rights** – Acts 22:25, 26.

2) **Religious Freedom** – Acts 4:19, 20.

(Acts 4:19, 20) "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

Being "subject" does not mean "**blind compliance!**"

(v.2a) "**Speak evil of no one.**"

Evil – blasphemeo: defame, to rail at, to revile.

The "violation" of our rights is **not** a license, *for believers to behave badly.*

(Philippians 4:13) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

(Ephesians 4:26) "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath."

(v.2b) **Three** forms of conduct, becoming a believer.

(1) **Be Peaceable** – not a brawler.

(2) **Be Gentle** – mild, moderate.

(Philippians 4:5) Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

(3) **Showing humility.**

(Proverbs 29:23) A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.

(v. 3-7)

Regeneration: *palingenesia* – new birth, recreation, renovation.

“New creation” 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Renewing: *anakainosis* – complete change for the better.

(Romans 5:5) Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

“Result” of regeneration and renewal (v.7, 8). Evidenced by “good works.”

Works “contrary” to our faith - (v.9-11)

Warn the divisive person - they are “unprofitable” and “useless” – being allied with the devil’s agenda.

(Proverbs 10:19) In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

CONCLUSION:

“Conduct becoming a believer,” is a public witness to the truth of the “gospel,” by grace! (v.12-15)

(John 15:8) “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”