



Step by Step

56. Titus



Author // Paul

Original Recipients // Titus

Date of Writing // Titus was written sometime between Paul's first and second imprisonments in Rome, around 66 AD.

Type of Literature // Didactic

Major Themes // Church Leadership; Doctrine; The Gospel

Occasion for Writing // Paul left Titus on the Island of Crete to care for the church and expand the ministry. The church was facing challenges stemming from unsound or aberrant teaching. The solution to this issue is for Titus to train and appoint elders in every city. Paul goes into great detail to explain the character of those men who will serve as elders within the church.



Simple Summary // The book of Titus emphasizes the importance of the church and the character of those who will serve as its leaders. Since the Word of God serves as the foundation of the church, Paul emphasizes the importance of sound or healthy doctrine. Titus must both instruct the church and guard it against false teachers.



Outline // One helpful outline for Titus:

1 // Appoint Leaders

2 // Train the Church

3 // Reach the Lost

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Key Verses

1:5 // 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—

1:9 // 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.

1:10-11 // For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

2:1 // But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

3:9 // But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

2:11 // For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

3:4-5 // But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Jesus in Titus



Jesus is pictured as the one who sent Paul forth, and the one whom Paul serves (1:1-2). He also is the one who saves, regenerates, renews, redeems, and purifies His people (3:4-6). And He is our great God and King whose future return we look forward to. (2:13-14)

