



Go for God!

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to **TITUS**

Theme: “*Truth accords with godliness*” (1:1)

Chapter Themes:

Ch. 1- *Godliness In The CHURCH!*

Ch. 2- *Godliness In Our FELLOWSHIP!*

Ch. 3- *Godliness In The WORLD!*

Intro: Acts 2:42- Principles & Practices for the true Christian Church-

- 1. Study the Apostles Doctrine**
- 2. Fellowship**
- 3. Breaking of Bread**
- 4. Prayer**
- 5. Worship**
- 6. Sharing**

- Titus Ch. 1 - Establishes principles for godly men who declare the word of God soundly to combat false teachers.

- Titus Ch. 2 - Establishes sound Christian practices for godly fellowship in the home and the church.

~ Titus Chapter 2 - *GODLINESS IN OUR FELLOWSHIP!*

(v1-10) LET’S DO A CHECK UP ON OUR GODLY LIVING:

(v1) Let us understand “*Sound Doctrine*” - DOCTRINE – Is a body of beliefs about God, man, Christ, the church, and other related concepts considered authoritative and thus worthy of acceptance by all members of the community of faith.

After Pentecost, Christian doctrine began to be systematized (Acts 2:42). Doctrinal instruction was given by special teachers (1 Cor 12:28-29; Gal 6:6) to those who had responded to the gospel (Rom 6:17). The earliest doctrine of the Christian church declared: (1) that Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ (Acts 3:18); (2) that God had raised Him from the dead (Acts 1:22; 2:24,32); and (3) that salvation was by faith in His name (Acts 2:38,16). These three truths were presented as a clear fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament. Paul taught that true doctrine is essential for Christian growth (Eph 4:11-16; 1 Tim 4:6; 6:3; Titus 1:9) and that false doctrine destroys the church (Eph 4:14; 2 Tim 4:3).

(v2-10) Verses 2 - 10 present the doctrine of godly living in:

> (v2) Older Men:

_____ Sober – temperate - speaks of being moderate in all things, having self-restraint.

_____ Reverent - honorable, a man of integrity.

_____ Sound in faith - uncorrupted, true to doctrine, truth according to God's Word; moral conviction; salvation through Christ, etc.

_____ Love - Read 1Corinthians 13:4-8.

_____ Patience - cheerful and/or hopeful endurance, consistency.

> (v3) Older Women:

_____ Reverent behavior - honorable actions.

_____ Not slanderers - finding fault with the demeanor and conduct of others and

spreading their innuendoes and criticisms in the church; "false accusers."

_____ Not given to much wine - a drunkard, an alcoholic.

_____ Teachers of good things — admonish younger women - that which is right according to God.

> (v4) Younger Women:

_____ Love your husband - read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, "Love, respect, submission."

_____ Love your children - nurture and train them in God's Word.

_____ Be discreet - self-controlled (moderate as to opinion or passion).

_____ Be chaste - innocent, modest, pure.

_____ Homemaker - domestically inclined.

_____ Good - opposite of being bad, a good person.

_____ Obedient to their own husbands - non-argumentative/combatative, willing to yield.

> (v6-8) Younger Men:

_____ Likewise, be sober minded – temperate - speaks of being moderate in all things, having self-restraint.

_____ Pattern of good works - consistently blesses others.

_____ Doctrinal integrity - knowing, understanding and practicing Bible doctrine or truths.

- _____ Reverence - honorable, a man of integrity.
- _____ Incorruptibility - not willing to be morally corrupted.
- _____ Sound Speech - truthful, polite, non-defiled communication.

> (v9-10) the Workplace (bondservants / employees):

- _____ Obedient - follows orders.
- _____ Well pleasing - hard worker, a team player.
- _____ Not answering back - great attitude, ready & willing.
- _____ Not pilfering - stealing materials, money, time.
- _____ Good fidelity - moral conviction, faithfulness, responsible & reliable.

(v11-15) His Salvation brings Godliness and Hope!

(v11) Doctrine of Salvation:

- *Justification by faith!*
- *Sanctification by the Holy Spirit!*
- *Glorification in Heaven!*

(v12) “Live for God” – By denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, live soberly (self-control), righteously (do the right always), and godly (follow Jesus)!

- Paul warns all in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - *Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (literally stop being deceived): Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

Jude writes in 1:17-21 - *But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

(v13a) OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!

- Let us quickly observe the TRINITY and the DIETY of JESUS CHRIST:

> The Trinity through Scripture:

- Doctrine proved from Scripture. Matt 3:16,17; 28:19; Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 12:3–6; 2 Cor 13:14; Eph 4:4–6; 1 Pet 1:2; Jude 1:20,21; Rev 1:4,5.
- Divine titles applied to the three persons in. Ex 20:2; John 20:28; Acts 5:3,4.
- Each person in the Trinity, described as:
 - Eternal. Rom 16:26; Rev 22:13; Heb 9:14.
 - Holy. Rev 4:8; 15:4; Acts 3:14; 1 John 2:20.
 - True. John 7:28; Rev 3:7.
 - Omnipresent. Jer 23:24; Eph 1:23; Ps 139:7.
 - Omnipotent. Gen 17:1; Rev 1:8; Rom 15:19; Jer 32:17; Heb 1:3; Luke 1:35.
 - Omniscient. Acts 15:18; John 21:17; 1 Cor 2:10,11.
 - Creator. Gen 1:1; Col 1:16; Job 33:4; Ps 148:5; John 1:3; Job 26:13.
 - Sanctifier. Jude 1:1; Heb 2:11; 1 Pet 1:2.
 - Author of all spiritual operations. Heb 13:21; Col 1:29; 1 Cor 12:11.
 - Source of eternal life. Rom 6:23; John 10:28; Gal 6:8.
 - Teacher. Is 54:13; Luke 21:15; John 14:26; Is 48:17; Gal 1:12; 1 John 2:20.
 - Raising Christ from the dead. 1 Cor 6:14; John 2:19; 1 Pet 3:18.
 - Inspiring the prophets, etc. Heb 1:1; 2 Cor 13:3; Mark 13:11.
 - Supplying ministers to the Church. Jer 3:15; Eph 4:11; Acts 20:28; Jer 26:5; Matt 10:5; Acts 13:2.
- Salvation the work of the Trinity. 2 Thess 2:13,14; Titus 3:4–6; 1 Pet 1:2.
- Baptism administered in name of the Trinity. Matt 28:19.
- Benediction given in name of the Trinity. 2 Cor 13:14.

> Christ is God through Scripture:

- As Jehovah. Is 40:3; Matt 3:3.
- As Jehovah of glory. Ps 24:7,10; 1 Cor 2:8; James 2:1.
- As Jehovah, our Righteousness. Jer 23:5,6; 1 Cor 1:30.
- As Jehovah, above all. Ps 97:9; John 3:31.
- As Jehovah, the First and the Last. Is 44:6; Rev 1:17; Is 48:12–16; Rev 22:13.
- As Jehovah's Fellow and Equal. Zech 13:7; Phil 2:6.
- As Jehovah of Hosts. Is 6:1–3; John 12:41; Is 8:13,14; 1 Pet 2:8.
- As Jehovah, the Shepherd. Is 40:11; Heb 13:20.
- As Jehovah, for whose glory all things were created. Prov 16:4; Col 1:16.
- As Jehovah, the Messenger of the covenant. Mal 3:1; Mark 1:2; Luke 2:27.
- Invoked as Jehovah. Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; 1 Cor 1:2.

As the Eternal God and Creator. Ps 102:24–27; Heb 1:8,10–12.
As the mighty God. Is 9:6.
As the Great God and Savior. Hos 1:7; Titus 2:13.
As God over all. Ps 45:6,7; Rom 9:5.
As the true God. Jer 10:10; 1 John 5:20.
As God the Word. John 1:1.
As God, the Judge. Eccl 12:14; 1 Cor 4:5; 2 Cor 5:10; 2 Tim 4:1.
As Emmanuel. Is 7:14; Matt 1:23.
As King of kings and Lord of lords. Dan 10:17; Rev 1:5; 17:14.
As the Holy One. 1 Sam 2:2; Acts 3:14.
As the Lord from heaven. 1 Cor 15:47.
As Lord of the Sabbath. Gen 2:3; Matt 12:8.
As Lord of all. Acts 10:36; Rom 10:11–13.
As Son of God. Matt 26:63–67.
As the Only-begotten Son of the Father. John 1:14,18; 3:16,18; 1 John 4:9.
His blood is called the blood of God. Acts 20:28.
As one with the Father. John 10:30,38; 12:45; 14:7–10; 17:10.
As sending the Spirit, equally with the Father. John 14:16; 15:26.
As entitled to equal honor with the Father. John 5:23.
As Owner of all things, equally with the Father. John 16:15.
As unrestricted by the law of the Sabbath, equally with the Father. John 5:17.
As the Source of grace, equally with the Father. 1 Thess 3:11; 2 Thess 2:16,17.
As unsearchable, equally with the Father. Prov 30:4; Matt 11:27.
As Creator of all things. Is 40:28; John 1:3; Col 1:16; Heb 1:2.
As Supporter and Preserver of all things. Neh 9:6; Col 1:17; Heb 1:3.
As possessed of the fulness of the God head. Col 2:9; Heb 1:3.
As raising the dead. John 5:21; 6:40,54.
As raising himself from the dead. John 2:19,21; 10:18.
As Eternal. Is 9:6; Mic 5:2; John 1:1; Col 1:17; Heb 1:8–10; Rev 1:8.
As Omnipresent. Matt 18:20; 28:20; John 3:13.
As Omnipotent. Ps 45:3; Phil 3:21; Rev 1:8.
As Omniscient. John 16:30; 21:17.
As discerning the thoughts of the heart. 1 Kin 8:39; Luke 5:22; Ezek 11:5; John 2:24,25; Rev 2:23.
As unchangeable. Mal 3:6; Heb 1:12; 13:8.
As having power to forgive sins. Col 3:13; Mark 2:7,10.
As Giver of pastors to the Church. Jer 3:15; Eph 4:11–13.
As Husband of the Church. Is 54:5; Eph 5:25–32; Is 62:5; Rev 21:2,9.
As the object of divine worship. Acts 7:59; 2 Cor 12:8,9; Heb 1:6; Rev 5:12.
As the object of faith. Ps 2:12; 1 Pet 2:6; Jer 17:5,7; John 14:1.

As God, he redeems and purifies the Church to himself. Rev 5:9; Titus 2:14.

As God, he presents the Church to himself. Eph 5:27; Jude 1:24,25. Saints live to him as God. Rom 6:11; Gal 2:19; 2 Cor 5:15.

Acknowledged by his apostles. John 20:28.

Acknowledged by the Old Testament saints. Gen 17:1; 48:15,16; 32:24–30; Hos 12:3–5; Judg 6:22–24; 13:21,22; Job 19:25–27.1

(v13b) Looking for he blessed hope and glorious appearing!

Rapture - 1Thess 4:13-18- *Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.*

In John 14:1-3- Jesus said, *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

- Jesus affirms the rapture in the parable of the "Ten Virgins"- Matthew 25:1-13

- Revelation 3:10 - *Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 - *For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-54 - *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — in a moment, in the twinkling of an*

eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

(v14) JESUS REDEEMS, PURIFIES, makes you a SPECIAL PEOPLE, ZEALOUS FOR GOOD WORKS!

(v15) SPEAK IT Pastor Titus (and all Pastors), SPEAK IT ALWAYS! Rebuke with all authority! Let no one despise you. Let's Go4God!!!