

"When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." – Titus 3:4-5

- I. Background and Structure
 - "Innovation" in the church
 - Purpose of the letter (1:5)
 - Structure of the letter

Key phrase: "The knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness" (1:1)

II. Theme #1: Gospel-Shaped Leaders 1:5-9

Qualifications of Elders:

- Leaders in their own homes
- Blameless



- Relationships with others
- Hold firmly to the "trustworthy message;" refute those who oppose it
- **III. Theme #2: Resistance of Gospel-Deniers** 1:10-16, 3:9-11
 - Extent of deception (ruining whole households)
 - Nature of false teaching
- **IV.** Theme #3: Gospel-Saturated Doctrine 2:11-15, 3:3-8
 - Grace: the heart of the gospel
 - What we've been saved from we're all like the false teachers
 - God's grace teaches us godly living



V. Theme #4: Gospel-Centered Living 2:2-10, 3:1-2

- Specific applications for age and gender
- A culture of deliberately edifying relationships in the church
- Witness through work

Outline of Titus

- I. Opening (1:1-4)
- II. The Occasion: The Need for Proper Leadership (1:5-9)
- III. The Problem: False Teachers (1:10-16)
- IV. Christian Living in Contrast to the False Teachers (2:1-3:8)
 - a. Proper living by age and gender groupings (2:1-10)
 - b. Gospel basis (2:11-14)
 - c. Summary command (2:15)
 - d. Proper living, particularly regarding to outsiders (3:1-2)
 - e. Gospel basis (3:3-7)
 - f. Summary command (3:8)
- V. The Problem Restated: False Teachers (3:9-11)
- VI. Closing Exhortation (3:12-15)