Introduction to Titus

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⁴ **To Titus**, my true child in a common faith...

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Acts 2:5-11

⁵ Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together and they were bewildered, because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty deeds of God."

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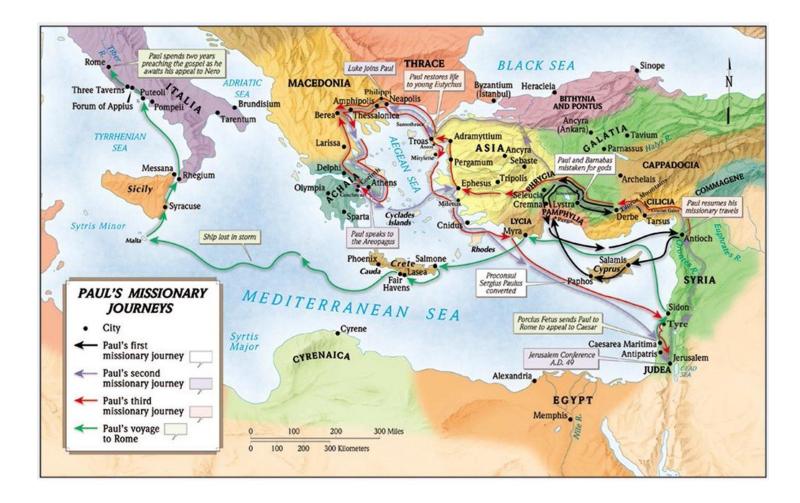
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¹ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.



Titus 1:5

⁵ For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains...

What needed to be set in order at Crete?

- They did not have qualified Leaders (1:5)
- There were false teachers and bad doctrine (1:10)
- Men & Women needed to develop character that fits with sound doctrine (2:2-3)
- The God-designed roles of women were under-valued (2:4-5)
- Households needed to function properly (2:4-10)
- Believers needed to live their lives in step with the Word and apply sound doctrine to sound living (2:11-14, 3:14)

Major Themes

• There is an essential connection between sound doctrine and sound living.

• There is an essential connection between the grace of God, godly living in the present, and future glory.

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• Titus 2:11-14

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Romans 6:12-14

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³ and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For **sin shall not be master over you, for you are** not under law but **under grace**.

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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