

Introduction to Titus

Titus 1:1a, 4a, 5a

¹ **Paul**, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ...

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

⁵ For this reason I left you **in Crete**...

Crete in the New Testament



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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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They were known for being:

- Dishonest
- Beastly
- Never-Satisfied

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Romans 12:2

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.



Paul spends two years preaching the gospel as he awaits his appeal to Nero

Luke joins Paul

Paul restores life to young Eutychus

Paul and Barnabas mistaken for gods

Paul speaks to the Areopagus

Proconsul Sergius Paulus converted

Porcius Fetus sends Paul to Rome to appeal to Caesar

Jerusalem Conference A.D. 49

Paul resumes his missionary travels

Three Taverns

Forum of Appius

Puteoli

Pompeii

Brundisium

Tarentum

Messana

Rhegium

Syracuse

Syrtis Minor

Malta

Amphipolis

Thessalonica

Berea

Larissa

Delphi

Olympia

Sparta

Cyclades Islands

Phoenix

Cauda

Crete

Lasea

Fair Havens

Syrtis Major

Cyrenaica

Cyrene

Philippi

Neapolis

Samothrace

Troas

Miletus

Cnidus

Rhodes

Salmone

Proconnesus

Asia

Adramyttium

Pergamum

Ephesus

Tripolis

Seleucia

Cremna

Lystra

Iconium

Antioch

Derbe

Tarsus

Antipatris

Jerusalem

Caesarea Maritima

Alexandria

Memphis

Nile R.

Black Sea

Heracleia

Sinope

Bithynia and Pontus

Ancyra (Ankara)

Galatia

Parnassus

Halys R.

Cappadocia

Archelais

Mount Taurus

Commagene

Cilicia

Elphraates R.

Syria

Sidon

Tyre

CELESTIAL SEA

Judea

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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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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