

The Book of Titus

The Life of Christians in a
Congregation:

“The Knowledge of the Truth
Which Accords With
Godliness”

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Tychicus



Apollos

A. THE TEXT

(Titus 3:12-15)

(1) Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, (2) to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. (3) For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

(4) But when the goodness and loving kindness of **God our Savior** appeared, (5) **he** saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of **the Holy Spirit**, (6) whom he poured out on us richly through **Jesus Christ our Savior**, (7) so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

(8) The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. (9) But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

(10) As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, (11) knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

(12) When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. (13) Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. (14) And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

(15) All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

B. THE STUDY NOTES:

1. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, (**Ac 20:4; Eph 6:21,22; Col 4:7,8; 2 Tim 4:12**)
do your best to come to me at Nicopolis,
- (a city in Epirus on the western shore of Greece)
for I have decided to spend the winter there: (**Act 27:12; 2 Tim 4:9,21**)
-once the winter came, the storms on the Mediterranean Sea impeded marine traffic-
- (this is evidence that Paul had not yet arrived there when he wrote this epistle and was free to travel,
having not yet been imprisoned in Rome the second time.)
2. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing.
-these two men probably bore this epistle to Titus-
“to speed them or help them on their way,”
by financially and prayerfully supporting them in their missionary endeavors
(**Ac 15:3; 20:38; 21:5; Rom 12:13; 15:24; 1 Cor 16:6,11; 1 Cor 1:16; 3 Jn 6**)

-Zenas the lawyer is only mentioned here, he either was Jew versed in Mosaic law
or a Gentile who was a Roman jurist.

-Apollos, a native of Alexandria, was a famous and well-known co-worker and Christian apologist
(**Ac 18:24-28; 19:1; 1 Cor 1:12; 3:4-6,22; 4:6; 16:12**)

Luther - Volume 20, Page 309: “This means that they shall gain the victory and shall conquer all the waves of the sea; not, however, by the might of arms or the power of men but by the power of God, in Spirit and in faith. And so they walk not in their own names but in the name of Jesus Christ. For they do not live and build on the foundation of their own works or righteousness, nor is anyone saved except on the basis of His name. For here neither Paul nor **Apollos** nor Cephas avails them anything, but they must walk in the mercy and righteousness of Christ: Gal. 2:16: “A man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ.”

3. And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works,
so as to help cases of urgent need,
(**Mt 7:19; Eph 4:28; Php 4:17; 1 Tim 6:18**)
and not be unfruitful. (**Php 1:11; 4:17; Col 1:10; 2 Pet 1:8**)
4. All who are with me send greetings to you.
Greet those who love us in the faith. (**1 Tim 1:2**)
Grace be with you all. (**Col 4:18**)

C. LIFE APPLICATION:

1. How do we assist church workers and speed them on their way, so that they lack nothing?
2. Why must our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need?
2. What are the ways by which we keep ourselves from becoming unfruitful?

D. NEXT BIBLE STUDY – begins Sept. 18
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