

The Book of Titus

The Life of Christians in a
Congregation:

“The Knowledge of the Truth
Which Accords With Godliness”

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A. THE TEXT

(Titus 2)

(1) But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.

(2) Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.

(3) Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, (4) and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, (5) to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that **the word of God** may not be reviled.

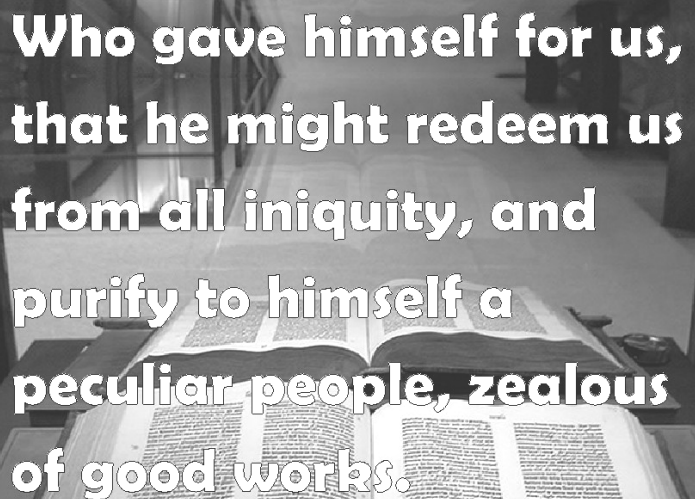
(6) Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. (7) Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, (8) and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

(9) Slaves are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, (10) not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn **the doctrine of God our Savior**.

(11) For **the grace of God** has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, (12) training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, (13) waiting for our blessed hope, **the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**,

(14) who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

(15) Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.



Who gave himself for us,
that he might redeem us
from all iniquity, and
purify to himself a
peculiar people, zealous
of good works.

—Titus 2:14

B. THE STUDY NOTES

1. Jesus gave himself for us (**Mt 20:28**)
2. Redeems us from all wickedness (**Ps 130:8; Mt 1:21; Gal 1:4; 1Tim 2:6; Heb 13:21; 2 Pet 1:18**)
3. Purifies us for himself as a people that are his own
(**Ex 19:5; Dt 4:20; 14:2; Ps 135:4; Ezek 37:23; Mal 3:17; Heb 1:3; 1 Jn 1:7; 1 Pet 2:9**)
4. Eager to do what is good (**Prov 16:7; Mt 5:16; 2 Cor 8:21; 1 Pet 2:12,15; 3:13**)
5. These things you teach / encourage / rebuke with all authority (**Mt 28:18-20**)
Do not let anyone despise you (**1 Tim 4:12; 5:20**)

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“... to strengthen and support the people, to prevent them from despairing of the coming of Christ, however strangely things may go. This is why he uses every device and stratagem that can serve to keep strong in their hearts the faith in the promised Christ. His message is as follows.... But Christ and his kingdom shall not fail to come on that account... For it is God's nature and work to help when there is need and to come in the midst of the proper season...”

In the same way we must support Christians with the word of God in anticipation of the Last Day, even though it appears that Christ is delaying long and will not come. For Christ himself says that he will come when men least expect it—when they are building and planting, buying and selling, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage [Luke 17:27–28]—in order that at least some, though not all, can be preserved in faith. For in this matter preaching and believing are essential, as we see every day.”

C. LIFE APPLICATION

1. When does the Lord purify us for himself as a people for his own possession?
2. How can we be zealous for good works?

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— Titus 2:14

