

Titus 3

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3 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, (Obey the laws of the land as long as they don't stop you from teaching God's Word. Here in the US, we have freedom to teach and practice Christianity as long as we don't break the laws)

²To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. (Stay out of the troubles of the world and you'll be OK. Be a good example to people as a good Christian. Likewise, don't tolerate others who want to make trouble. Exercise tough love when needed)

³For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. (Everyone sometimes falls short and sins. Repent and get back in God's graces and go on with your life. The same happened to Paul in Acts-7. He later became an apostle chosen by Jesus. He went on to do great works in spreading the Word of God)

⁴But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, (When Jesus came into the world He gave us repentance and salvation. He did it out of love for us. We have a better way to live now)

⁵Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (We don't deserve salvation. Jesus paid the price for us and gives us that salvation, upon repentance) (washing <in the Greek> = to baptize, to make new again)

⁶Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; (God did that for us as Jesus Christ <God in the flesh>)

⁷That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Jesus is the way. Through His salvation, we will have eternal life in the Third Age. We are freed from sin and damnation)

⁸This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

(Do good work in the world and you will succeed in the world. That will give you a good life in the flesh)

⁹ But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. (Some people will use their genealogy and wealth to gain advantage and cause trouble between people. Stay away from them and try to solve any discord through negotiation. Hiring a lawyer should only be a last resort)

(On a spiritual level, Bible lawyers will twist scripture to create arguments and cause people to lose their way. Stay away from such people and stick to God's Word)

¹⁰ A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; (If people refuse God's Word over and over again, it's on them, not you. This also applies to those who continually try to change the Word of God to suit their agenda. Get rid of them)

¹¹ Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself. (They will have to face God later)

¹² When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

¹³ Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

¹⁴ And let our's also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful. (Use this gathering to commune and improve our understanding in God's Word)

¹⁵ All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

(Written to Titus by Paul; Titus was the first bishop of the Christian church on Crete)