

Seven Bible Studies 2017

Epistles

September 10: Titus 1-3 (Ryan Ingle)

Sunday, September 10 ~ Titus 1 - 3

Ch 1

Paul puts Titus in charge of working with the churches in Crete. The churches in Crete were having some issues similar to those in Ephesus where false teaching was being administered. Some teachings were including former Jewish traditions that were not in accordance to the new law.

As Paul starts out with his instructions to Titus, he goes into the qualifications of an elder who is overseeing the church. It is very important here that as we look over the instructions as our own churches are concerned, that we don't take this matter lightly as if there is an elder placed who does not meet these qualifications we could be placing the whole church at risk!

Paul tells Titus to get a grip on these false teachers as they are only in it for deceiving families while making a quick buck. They aren't concerned about teaching truth but teaching falsehoods. Shut them down quickly as they claim to be religious but aren't!
"They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good." Titus 1:16

Ch 2

Titus is instructed to teach by example how the older generation should be so that they will model to the younger generations of how Christians should act. Let this example be enough that hopefully those who are spreading false teachings look towards changing their lives as they see nothing wrong but envy your actions and desire to be like you.

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age," Titus 2:11-12

We are to be separate and live lives above reproach. Live lives that are pleasing to God and make those around us desire to be Christ-like as well. --When I look at those in the world they typically don't have much to look forward to...except drinking and other acts that are unclean. It would seem a somewhat depressing view on life by just drinking and partying all the time without a true purpose in life. They may think the very same of us as they don't understand the true purpose to life, not to be of this world but to live in such a way that we make it into heaven if we prove ourselves here on earth.

Ch 3

Paul reminds Titus to encourage the people on Crete to respect authority and not be quarrelsome. Remind them we were once just like them before we knew the love of God

through His son. We did not deserve this love but through God's grace and mercy He allowed all the hope of being saved eternally.

Don't get caught up in useless quarrels over law and other trivial matters. If you run across a quarrelsome person, warn them once or twice to stop. If they persist, be done with them. My thought here is of those who were still holding onto Jewish customs that works not change their ways but wanted to continue in showing false doctrine...

Paul finishes out the letter by stating we need to keep focus on doing good in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives. Let's evaluate our own lives and make sure we are productive for Christ as well!!

Comment:

Butch O'Neal:
Thank you, Ryan!

Replies:

Ryan Ingle:
You're very welcome! Good luck on tomorrow's posting as I hope it's not a repeat for you:)

Butch O'Neal:
Thanks, I'm praying!