

# **Titus 3**

## **Titus 3.1-8** - The Christian citizen

**V1 – What else was Titus to preach there?** To obey government authorities

- Why would Titus have to teach that? Because the Cretans were such stubborn people (*1.12*)
- Notice that Paul did not say: “Obey the government only when it is a democracy”
- He did not specify the form of government – so whether we live in a democracy or a communist state or under some other system, we are to obey the government
- What else (in addition to obeying the government)? Do good deeds (be a good citizen)

**V2 – What else?** Malign no one – speak no evil

- We are to stay away from racial jokes or any joke that hurts some part of the population
- To be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all people
- Civil disobedience is out of the question (except when laws conflict with our faith)

**V3 – Explain “we”:** All people in general (before conversion)

**-What sins are listed here?**

- Foolishness
- Being disobedient
- Being deceived
- Enslaved to various lusts and pleasures
- Spending our lives in malice and envy
- Hating one another

**V4 – But what happened?** We were saved by the grace of God

**V5 – Saved by the mercy of God**

- “Washing of regeneration” refers to what? Water baptism
- Why was Christ baptized? *Matthew 3.14-15* - to fulfill all righteousness
- What does the Holy Spirit do? Renew us, by making us born again

**V6 – When was the Holy Spirit poured out “richly”?** The Day of Pentecost

**V7 – We are heirs of salvation through God’s grace**

**V8 – “Trustworthy statement” – fifth time in *1-2 Timothy* and *Titus***

- See: *1 Tim. 1.15, 3.1, 4.9, 2 Tim. 2.11, Titus 3.8*
- “Speak confidently” – In other words, don’t be timid about it
- Continue in good deeds, etc.

## **Titus 3.9-11**

**V9 – What was Titus to avoid?** Foolish controversies – arguments about trivial things

- Genealogies (Jews were fond of this, just as Mormons are today)
- Strife
- Disputes about the Law of Moses (Old Testament)

-Conclusion: These subjects are unprofitable and worthless

**V 10 – What is a factious man?** One who likes to argue and cause divisions in the church  
**-How is a factious man to be treated?** Rejected after two warnings (disfellowshipped)

**V 11 – How did Paul describe the factious person?** Perverted, sinning, self-condemned

**Titus 3.12-15** - Final greeting and concerns

**V 12 – Artemas** – not mentioned anywhere else the Bible

**-Why was his name put in the Bible?** To honor him as a faithful helper of Paul

-Tychicus – servant – references to his being a messenger for Paul

-Nicopolis, a city on the northwest side of Greece – It was known for its warm climate (Paul was getting old)

**V 13 –** The only mention of Zenas – probably an expert in Jewish law – useful in converting Jews

-But Barclay's commentary (p. 266) tells us that this Greek word was also the standard word for “lawyer”

-If that is so, Zenas is the only example of a lawyer being converted in New Testament

**-Who was Apollos?** Preacher from Alexandria, Egypt (*Acts 18* – corrected on his misunderstanding of baptism)

**-How were the Cretans to help Zenas and Apollos?** Financially

**V 14 –** They were all to work hard so that they could help support the Lord's work

**-Message?** All Christians should help Christians financially

**V 15 –** Love from all “in the faith”

**-What is your favorite verse in the book of *Titus*?**

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