

Titus 1 Summarized

Sentences

1:1-2, Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, to Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1:3-4, as I urged you when I went into Macedonia -- remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

1:5-7, now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

1:8-11, but we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

1:12-13, and I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.

1:14-15, and the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

1:16, however, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

1:17, now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1:18-20, this charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Paragraphs

1:1-7, Paul (apostle by God's and Jesus' command) urges Timothy (a true son in the faith) to stop those in Ephesus who are teaching erroneous doctrine. They have strayed from the faith, i.e., the goal of God's Word: to produce loving individuals who possess a pure heart, good conscience, and sincere faith, and have instead produced argumentative individuals. They have departed God's Word and turned to fruitless talk of fables and endless genealogies; they want to teach God's Law but they understand neither what they say nor the things they affirm.

1:8-11, God's Law is good if used lawfully, i.e., it's not made for a righteous person but for sinners of every kind and for anything else that is contrary to error-free doctrine, as the glorious Gospel shows, the one committed to Paul's trust by God.

1:12-17, [Proof that God's Law cannot produce a righteous person but only the Gospel can is that] Paul wants to glorify the great God and King forever and ever (who alone is wise) because the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners not by the Law but by simple faith. As such, Jesus showed Paul incredible mercy and grace. That is, Jesus not only saved Paul, the worst sinner ever, He equipped him beyond measure with His love and faith. Thus, Paul is the prototype for all other sinners to whom Jesus Christ will grant eternal life by simple faith.

1:18-20, Paul commits this task to his spiritual son Timothy in keeping with God's previous prophecies about him so that he may fight a good battle [against the erroneous teachers], God having equipped him with faith and a good conscience, something Hymenaeus and Alexander rejected and thus suffered shipwreck. Therefore, Paul delivered them to Satan so that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Whole Chapter

Paul urges Timothy to stop the erroneous teachers in Ephesus because instead of using God's sound Truth to produce godly individuals who possess a pure heart, good conscience, and sincere faith, they're using incorrect doctrine and misusing God's Law to produce individuals who argue and fight. The Law is good, if used lawfully. But the Law was never made for a righteous person; it was made for sinners of all types and anything else that is contrary to error-free doctrine, as God's glorious Gospel shows. Paul is the ultimate proof of this, i.e., he was thoroughly unrighteous, the chief of all sinners, yet the Lord Jesus Christ not only saved him but equipped him with faith and love and the only requirement was simple faith (not keeping the Law). Thus, Paul is the prototype for all future sinners who'll be granted everlasting life through simple faith in Jesus Christ. This is Paul's task for Timothy¹ according to what God previously said about him so that by those prophecies he'll fight the good fight, especially since God has equipped him with faith and a good conscience, something Alexander and Hymenaeus rejected and thus suffered shipwreck, which is why Paul delivered them to Satan so that they may learn not to blaspheme.

¹ That is, Timothy must show the Ephesians that erroneous doctrine and the incorrect use of God's Law won't save sinners. Only Jesus saves sinners: He saves, equips and produces godly edification that results in a pure heart, good conscience and sincere faith and the only requirement to receive this marvelous salvation is simple faith (not keeping a bunch of rules).