

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

6. Savior, though we were thoroughly sinful, the kindness, love and mercy of God our Savior appeared in order to save us, 3:3-5. Jesus Christ is the Savior through whom God the Father poured out His Holy Spirit on us abundantly, 3:5-6 (other places this appears: 1:2-3, 4; 2:10, 12-13).
7. God, when we were knee-deep in sin, the kindness, love, and mercy of God our Savior showed up to save us, i.e., God thoroughly washed us making us brand new by His Holy Spirit whom He gave us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior. He did this so that we could take full advantage of the inheritance opportunity afforded to us by the eternal life He gave us, 3:3-7. Paul wants Titus to insist on the things that are good and profitable, i.e., on the truth of what God's Word says about a sinner and his/her life before and after God saves them so that those who have believed in God will be careful to maintain good works and become heirs according to the inheritance opportunity eternal life has given them, 3:1-8 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 2-3, 4, 7, 15-16; 2:4-5, 10, 11, 13).
8. Exhort and Convict/Rebuke to produce godly behavior, Paul wants Titus to avoid useless and unprofitable things like foolish theological arguments about the Mosaic Law which is why he must reject divisive individuals who refuse to repent after the second warning, since they are warped sinners who are self-condemned. Instead, Titus must insist on things that are good and profitable, i.e., on the truth of what God's Word says about a sinner and his life before and after God saves him, i.e., God saves sinners by His grace not the sinner's righteous works so that they could go on to produce godly behavior worthy of inheritance, which is what the hope of eternal life provides them, an opportunity to inherit, 3:1-11 (cf. Romans 8:16-17) (other places this appears: 1:9, 10-14; 2:15).
9. Man's False-Truth/Commandments, man's foolish theological opinions about God's Law lead to disputes, contentions, and strivings which are unprofitable and useless. They cause a person to be divisive, rebellious, warped, sinful, and self-condemned, 3:9-11 (other places this appears: 1:10-11, 14; 2:15).