

Titus 3 Summarized

Sentences

3:1-2, remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

3:3, for we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

3:4-7, but when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

3:8, this is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

3:9, but avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

3:10-11, reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

3:12, when I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

3:13, send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing.

3:14, and let our *people* also learn to maintain good works, to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

3:15, all who *are* with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

Paragraphs

3:1-7, [Since God's grace teaches us that our Savior Jesus Christ died to convert us from individuals who pursue every lawless deed into people who are zealous for good works] Titus must remind the Cretans who they should be: law-abiding, obedient, ready for every good work, not slanderers, peaceful, tolerant, and humble. After all, Paul and Titus were lawless-deed types but then God's love arrived to save mankind though not by their righteous works. Instead, God's mercy poured out His Holy Spirit on them abundantly through their Savior Jesus Christ, leaving them thoroughly washed, regenerated, and renewed. Therefore, having been justified by His grace they should become heirs according to the inheritance opportunity built into eternal life.

3:8-11, Paul wants Titus to always focus on these good and profitable things so that those who have believed in God will maintain good works. But he's to avoid foolish theological arguments; they are useless and unprofitable, which is why he must reject divisive individuals after two warnings, realizing that such people are warped, self-condemned sinners.

3:12-15, when Paul sends Artemas or Tychicus to Titus, he must go to Paul at Nicopolis since he's decided to winter there. And Paul mentions good works one last time: Titus and the Cretans must provide everything Zenas and Apollos need for their journey; they must learn to be people who're always ready with good works, like meeting urgent needs, so that they won't be unfruitful. Paul closes with greetings from those with him and asks Titus to greet those in Crete as he wishes all of them God's grace. Amen.

Whole Chapter

[Since God's grace teaches us that Jesus Christ died to convert us from individuals who pursue every lawless deed into people who are zealous for good works] Titus must remind the Cretans who they must be: godly people who are always ready with good works. After all, Paul and Titus were lawless-deed types, but then God's love saved them, i.e., through Christ's saving death, God's mercy poured His Holy Spirit on them abundantly, leaving them born-again-new. So having been justified by God's grace they should take advantage of eternal life's inheritance opportunity. These are the good and profitable things Paul wants Titus to focus on so that those who have believed in God will maintain good works. But he must avoid foolish doctrinal arguments; they're useless and unprofitable. Thus, he must reject divisive individuals after two warnings, realizing that such people are warped, self-condemned sinners. Finally, when Paul sends a replacement, Titus must go to Paul at Nicopolis where he'll winter. And he mentions good works one last time: they must fully equip Zenas and Apollos for their journey; they mustn't be unfruitful but always ready with good works. Paul closes with greetings from those with him and greets those in Crete as he wishes all of them God's grace. Amen.