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The Chapters of Titus

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Titus

SECTION OUTLINE ONE (TITUS 1)

Paul greets Titus and talks about the role of elders in the church. He warns Titus against legalists.

I. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION (1:1-4)

A. The apostle's assignment from God (1:1-3): He has been sent to reach and teach the elect of the Lord.

B. The apostle's affection for Titus (1:4): Titus is his true child in the faith.

II. PAUL'S INSTRUCTIONS (1:5-16): Titus is advised on how to deal with two categories of people.

A. The leaders in his church (1:5-9)

1. Their appointments (1:5): Titus is to select a group of men who will function as elders.
2. Their assignments (1:6-9)
 - a. An elder must be blameless and above reproach (1:6a, 7a).
 - b. An elder must have only one wife and be faithful to her; he must be the head of a godly family (1:6b).
 - c. An elder must not be overbearing or quick-tempered (1:7b).
 - d. An elder must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or greedy (1:7c).
 - e. An elder must be hospitable and must love what is good (1:8a).
 - f. An elder must be self-controlled, upright, and holy (1:8b).
 - g. An elder must be able to use doctrine to encourage the sincere and reject the insincere (1:9).

B. The legalists in his church (1:10-16)

1. The apostasy of these men (1:10, 11b-12, 15-16)
 - a. They are rebellious and deceptive (1:10).
 - b. They are ruining entire households (1:11b).
 - c. They are greedy (1:11c).
 - d. They are lying and lazy gluttons (1:12).
 - e. Their walk totally contradicts their talk (1:16).
 - f. They view everything through evil eyes (1:15).
2. The actions against these men (1:11a, 13-14)
 - a. They are to be totally silenced (1:11a).
 - b. They are to be soundly rebuked (1:13-14).

SECTION OUTLINE TWO (TITUS 2)

Paul addresses both people and pastor.

I. THE PEOPLE IN THE PEWS (2:2-6, 9-14)

A. The apostle gives instructions concerning groups of people in the church (2:2-6, 9-10).

1. Older men (2:2): They should be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in the faith.
2. Older women (2:3-5)
 - a. What they are to be (2:3): Respectful, positive toward others, and not inclined toward heavy drinking.
 - b. What they are to do (2:4-5): They are to teach godliness to the younger women.
3. Young men (2:6): They should be self-controlled.
4. Servants (2:9-10): They should serve their masters faithfully.

B. The apostle gives instructions concerning everyone in the church (2:11-14).

1. What God has done for them (2:11, 14): He has redeemed them by his grace.

2. What they should do for God (2:12-13)
 - a. They should live for him (2:12).
 - b. They should look for him (2:13).

II. THE PASTOR IN THE PULPIT (2:1, 7-8, 15)

- A. Titus is to teach sound doctrine** (2:1).
- B. Titus is to be a positive role model** (2:7-8).
- C. Titus is to encourage and rebuke with authority** (2:15).

SECTION OUTLINE THREE (TITUS 3)

Paul closes his letter to Titus with a discussion of the will of God, the work of God, a warning from God, and the workers for God.

I. THE WILL OF GOD (3:1-2): Paul summarizes the divine will for believers.

- A. In regard to rulers** (3:1): We are to obey them.
- B. In regard to the rest** (3:2): We are to be gentle and courteous.

II. THE WORK OF GOD (3:3-7)

- A. Our godlessness** (3:3): We were once deceived, disobedient, depraved sinners.
- B. His graciousness** (3:4-7)
 1. Christ came to earth (3:4).
 2. He washes away our sins (3:5a).
 3. He gives us the indwelling Spirit (3:5b-6).
 4. He fully justifies us (3:7a).
 5. He assures us of eternal life (3:7b).

III. THE WARNING FROM GOD (3:8-11)

- A. Concerning controversial issues** (3:8-9): Titus must not involve himself in arguing over foolish and unanswerable questions.
- B. Concerning controversial individuals** (3:10-11)
 1. They are to be warned twice (3:10a).
 2. They are (if unrepentant) to be excommunicated (3:10b-11).

IV. THE WORKERS FOR GOD (3:12-15): Paul closes by referring to four of his co-laborers and sends his greetings.

- A. He will soon send either Artemas or Tychicus to Crete** (3:12).
- B. Titus is to help Zenas and Apollos with their trip** (3:13-14).
- C. Paul sends greetings to all the believers** (3:15).