

Titus 1.

Read the chapter. Paul is a Preacher. He tells us that before the world began God had promised eternal life and through him Titus has heard about that beautiful eternal life! Titus, like Timothy, *mine own son after the common faith* receives this letter in Crete with instructions to ordain elders in every city, whether it is ordaining pastors, teachers, evangelists, apostles or prophets, he does not say but Paul asks Titus to set things in order that are wanting:

Elders are to be *the husband of one wife* (no mistresses allowed), *having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly*. *Bishops* (elders) *are to be blameless as stewards of God; not self-willed* (but Dead in Christ and Alive in Christ) in faith through Love of Jesus *not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre: But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word...by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers* (contradictors of doctrine).

Like now in these perilous times, then also, *there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision, Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. **It' in the money boys!***

Paul repeats what Jesus said *You shall know them by their works: ...In works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.*

Titus 2.

Read the chapter. Paul is writing to Titus about social behaviour that is acceptable in Christians which becomes sound doctrine:

1. Aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
2. Aged women likewise, holy in behaviour, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
3. Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded. In all things showing yourself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed having no evil thing to say of you.
4. Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; Not purloining (stealing) but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.
5. ...Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world (this perilous world);
6. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ **who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

Look what Paul says ***For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. WHO IS HE TALKING ABOUT? Grace is Jesus!*** Praise the Lord.

Titus 3.

Read the chapter. Again, social behaviour in Christians which becomes sound doctrine:

1. Be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,
2. To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.

3. Remembering always where you came from: For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His Grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
4. Always maintain good works.
5. Avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings above the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Grace be with you all. Amen. In other words, May **Jesus** be with you all. Amen