

## TITUS 3

### SUBJECT TO ALL AUTHORITY

**In Chapter two Titus was told to teach sound doctrine to the church... So, in 2:2 he told us old guys to be six things...**

2 that the older men be sober, **(Watching over the others...)**

Be reverent, **Honorable.**

Be temperate, **Self-controlled in mind... Not excessive...Not obsessive either...**

sound in faith, **Safe & sound in moral conviction**

(sound) in love, **Providers of benevolence**

(sound) in patience; **Cheerful and hopeful.**

**He told the Senior Sisters to:**

be reverent in behavior, **(Holy)** not slanderers, **(Suspicious)**

not given **(Addicted)** to much wine, teachers of good things— **WHAT THINGS?** 4 that they admonish the young women to love **(befriend)** their husbands,

to love **(Nurture)** their children,

5 to be discreet, **(Moderate)** chaste, **(Innocent)** homemakers,

good, obedient **(Faithful)** to their own husbands,

that the word of God may not be blasphemed. **(Evil spoken of)**

**He then told Titus to be a good example, why? Because somebody is ALWAYS watching!**

**2:15 says,** Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority.  
Let no one despise you.

**Paul continues the theme in CH 3...**

**Titus 3:1** Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,

- These last couple of years have been like no other in America's history. Every public meeting place except bars, strip clubs, and large grocery stores were told to cease meeting.
  - The Churches who refused to obey the order and continued to meet were made to pay huge fines, and in some cases the Pastor was arrested.
    - SO... Who was right and who was wrong?
- The two passages to answer this question are in Romans 13 and in Acts 5.

**Romans 13:1** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For

there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

### **WHEN DO YOU DISOBEY THE GOVERNMENT?**

ACTS 5:12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. 14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

#### **The Apostles Arrested and Freed**

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, 18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. **FOR WHAT? PREACHING!**

19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." **IE, GO PREACH!**

21 And when they heard *that*, (**Heard what? The command of the Lord**) they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. **Did they disobey the authorities?**

...But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, 23 saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!"

24 Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be.

25 So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" 26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them,

28 saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"

### **HERE IS THE ANSWER...**

29 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "**We ought to obey God rather than men.**"

V30 – 39 Peter and Gamaliel both preach to the leaders and then....

40 And they **THE COUNSEL** agreed with him, **GAMALIEL** and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

### **LOOK AT HOW THE APOSTLES RESPOND TO BEING BEATEN!**

41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

- SO... When you decide to disobey men rather than disobey God, be ready to happily pay the price, or stay home!!!

### **TITUS 3:2**

2 (**Remind them**) to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, (**a-macho, or NOT macho**) gentle, showing all humility to all men.

- We read on Thursday (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who *were* on the face of the earth.) **NUM 12:3**
  - It is why God could speak so clearly to him...
    - Want to be used by God? Lay down your pride!

### **PAUL'S PAST...**

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.

### **PAUL'S PRESENT...**

4 But when the **kindness and the love of** God our Savior toward man appeared,

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5 **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,** 6 **whom He poured out on us** abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that **having been justified by His grace we should become heirs** according to the **hope of eternal life.**

### THEOLOGY FOR TODAY!

1. **not by works of righteousness – WE CANNOT EARN IT.**
2. **according to His mercy He saved us – HIS MERCY DOES IT!**
3. **through the washing of regeneration – Washing away of sin IS required. We have to be willing to repent!**
4. **renewing of the Holy Spirit – HE does the renewing.**
5. **whom He poured out on us – HE pours out His Spirit abundantly!**
6. **having been justified by His grace we should become heirs – HE makes us Sons and Daughters...**
7. **hope of eternal life – Result: HOPE!!!!**

### AFFIRM THESE THINGS!

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.

- Crete was a tough missionary location... The people were known for uprisings and bad behavior, so Paul encourages Titus to affirm good behavior over and over!
  - Crete is STILL a rough island. We have the "NOT ONE MORE" campaign here in Simi to stop the overdoses that have plagued our city. Crete has their "NOT ONE MORE MURDER" campaign to slow the number of femicides in their cities.
    - [www.independent.co.uk/independentpremium/world/greece-women-murder-femicide-violence-female-b1964282.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/independentpremium/world/greece-women-murder-femicide-violence-female-b1964282.html)



### DODGE DUMB DISPUTES

9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, **(ISM'S)** and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

- **COURSON** - People constantly confront me who want to strive about the law, about diet, or about Sabbath days. Maybe you are too. Paul's word to

Titus concerning such people is not to dialogue with them, but to avoid them.

- **GUZIK** - These **foolish disputes** are simply **unprofitable and useless**. Instead, Titus should focus on the simple word of God.

10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. **CEV** - **Warn troublemakers once or twice. Then don't have anything else to do with them. 11 You know that their minds are twisted, and their own sins show how guilty they are.**

## **FINAL INSTRUCTIONS AND GREETINGS**

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.

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

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

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

**NEXT WEEK- Paul's Plea for Onesimus**