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Titus

The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men (2:11)

3	Paul	c. A.D. 62–64	"Good Works"
Chapters, 46 Verses	To Titus	Written	Six Times

STRUCTURE

The Book in Three Parts

Each chapter has a summary of the faith and a call to live it: leaders who hold the word (1), lives that adorn the doctrine because of grace (2), and good works because of God's mercy (3).



Each bar shows that part's share of the 46 verses.

I · 1 · 16 verses

Elders

Godly leaders appointed; false teachers silenced.

II · 2 · 15 verses

Sound Doctrine

Teaching for every group; the grace that teaches.

III · 3 · 15 verses

Good Works

Saved by mercy; careful to maintain good works.

BACKGROUND

Titus and Crete

GALATIANS 2:3

A Greek Believer

Not compelled to be circumcised: a test case for the gospel.

2 COR. 7:6; 8:23

Paul's Partner

Carried news and the collection to and from Corinth.

TITUS 1:5

Left in Crete

To set things in order and ordain elders in every city.

ACTS 2:11

Cretes at Pentecost

Cretans heard the gospel on the day of Pentecost.

TITUS 1:12

A Hard Place

Even their own poet called them liars and slow bellies.

2 TIM. 4:10

Later

Titus went on to Dalmatia.

CHAPTER 1:5–9

What an Elder Must Be

1:6–7 · NOT

Blameless

Not self-willed · not soon angry · not given to wine · no striker · not given to filthy lucre.

1:8 · BUT

Godly

A lover of hospitality · a lover of good men · sober · just · holy · temperate.

> *"Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."*
>
> Titus 1:9 (KJV)

TITUS AT A GLANCE · PART 2 OF 3

False Teachers, Sound Doctrine and Grace

CHAPTER 1:10–16

The False Teachers

1:10
Vain Talkers
Unruly deceivers, especially of the circumcision.

1:11
For Money
Subverting whole houses “for filthy lucre’s sake.”

1:16
Deny Him in Works
“They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him.”

“Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure” (1:15).

CHAPTER 2:1–10

Sound Doctrine for Every Group

2:2
Aged Men
Sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

2:3
Aged Women
Holy in behaviour, teachers of good things.

2:4–5
Young Women
Loving husbands and children, discreet, chaste, good.

2:6
Young Men
Sober minded.

2:7–8
Titus Himself
A pattern of good works; sound speech.

2:9–10
Servants
Showing all good fidelity.

> *“that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.”*
>
> Titus 2:10 (KJV)

CHAPTER 2:11–14

The Grace That Teaches Us

Grace not only saves us; it trains us.

1 2:11
Grace Has Appeared
Bringing salvation to all men.

2 2:12
Teaching Us
To deny ungodliness and live soberly, righteously and godly.

3 2:13
Looking for Christ
That blessed hope, the glorious appearing.

TITUS 2:13–14

Our Great God and Saviour

“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.”

TITUS AT A GLANCE · PART 3 OF 3

Saved by Mercy, Good Works, Themes and Key Verse

CHAPTER 3:3–7

Saved by His Mercy

WHAT WE WERE · 3:3	WHAT GOD DID · 3:4–7
Foolish, disobedient, deceived 3:3	The kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared 3:4
Serving divers lusts and pleasures 3:3	He saved us, by the washing of regeneration 3:5
Living in malice and envy, hateful 3:3	Justified by His grace, made heirs of eternal life 3:7

> *“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”*
>
> Titus 3:5 (KJV)

THROUGHOUT THE LETTER

Good Works

Saved not by works (3:5), but saved for them.

1:16
False teachers are “unto every good work reprobate.”

2:7
Titus: “a pattern of good works.”

2:14
A peculiar people, “zealous of good works.”

3:1
“Ready to every good work.”

3:8
“Careful to maintain good works.”

3:14
“Learn to maintain good works for necessary uses.”

BIG IDEAS

Key Themes

Sound Doctrine
Hold fast the faithful word.
1:9; 2:1

Godly Leaders
Elders of proven character.
1:5–9

Grace That Teaches
Saving grace trains godly living.
2:11–12

The Blessed Hope
The appearing of our great God and Saviour.
2:13

Saved by Mercy
Regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.
3:4–7

Good Works
The fruit of salvation.
2:14; 3:8, 14

KEY VERSE

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Titus 3:5 (KJV)