

The Book Of Titus

CRETE

A satellite photograph of the island of Crete, showing its rugged terrain and surrounding blue waters. The word "CRETE" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the western part of the island. The island's shape is clearly visible, including its northern and southern peninsulas and the central plateau. The surrounding sea is a deep blue, with some smaller islands visible in the distance.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, ^bbringing salvation to all men,
¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,
¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,
¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.
¹⁵ These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

(Titus 2:11–15)

¹ Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,

² to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

³ For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

(Titus 3:1–3)

⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,
⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,
⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
⁷ so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

(Titus 3:4–7)

⁸ This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

⁹ But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

¹⁰ Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

¹¹ knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

(Titus 3:8–11)

Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

(Titus 3:14)