

The Book Of Titus

CRETE

A satellite photograph of the island of Crete, showing its elongated shape and rugged terrain. The island is surrounded by deep blue water, with some smaller islands visible in the distance. The word "CRETE" is written in white capital letters across the western part of the island.

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)