

Titus left at Crete.

15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our ² words.

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *q* men forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid *r* to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord *s* stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth *t* of the lion.

18 And the Lord *u* shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

TITUS, I, II.

A. D. 66.

² or, preachings.

q ch. 1. 15.

r Ac. 7. 60.

s Mat. 10. 19. Ac. 23. 11.

t Ps. 22. 21.

u Ps. 121. 7.

² *Cesar Nero, or, the Emperor Nero.*

Of evil-doers.

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with thy spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

¶ The second *epistle* unto Titheus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before ³ Nero the second time.

The Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to TITUS.

CHAPTER I.

5 *Why Titus was left at Crete.* 6 *How ministers should be qualified.*

10 *Of evil doers.*

PAUL, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging *a* of the truth which *b* is after godliness;

2 ¹ In hope of eternal life, which God, that *c* cannot lie, promised before *d* the world began;

3 But *e* hath in due times manifested his word through preaching *f* which is committed unto me, according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

4 To Titus, *mine* own son *g* after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order *h* the things that are ² wanting, and ordain *i* elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot, or unruly.

7 For a bishop *k* must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good ³ men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

9 Holding *l* fast the faithful word, ⁴ as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

A. D. 65.

a 2Ti. 2. 25.

b 1Ti. 6. 3.

¹ or, For.

c 1Sa. 15. 29.

He. 6. 18.

d Mat. 25. 34.

e 2Ti. 1. 10.

f Ro. 10. 14. 15.

g 1Ti. 1. 1. 2.

h 1Co. 11. 34.

² or, left undone.

i Ac. 14. 23.

2Ti. 2. 2.

k 1Ti. 3. 2. &c.

³ or, things.

12Th. 2. 15.

⁴ or, in teaching.

m Ja. 1. 26.

n Mat. 23. 14.

o Ac. 17. 28.

p 2Ti. 4. 2.

q 1Ti. 1. 4.

r Ro. 14. 14. 20.

s 2Ti. 3. 5. 7.

⁵ or, void of judgment.

(CHAP. 2.)

a Pr. 16. 31.

¹ or, vigilant.

² or, holy women.

³ or, make-bates.

b 1Ti. 5. 14.

⁴ or, wise.

10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers *m* and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

11 Whose mouths must be stopped; who subvert *n* whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

12 One *o* of themselves *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke *p* them sharply, that thee may be sound in the faith;

14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, *q* and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

15 Unto *r* the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

16 They profess *s* that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work ⁵ reprobate.

CHAPTER II.

1 *Directions given to Titus, both for his doctrine and life.* 9 *The duty of servants.*

BUT speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged *a* men be ¹ sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh ² holiness, not ³ false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the *b* young women to be ⁴ sober, to love