

# Titus 1

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## Greeting

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

<sup>2</sup> In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

<sup>3</sup> But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

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

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## Qualifications for Elders

<sup>5</sup> For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

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

<sup>7</sup> For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

<sup>8</sup> But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

<sup>9</sup> 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.

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## Rebuke False Teachers

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

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

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

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

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

**15** Unto 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 that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Elect** — ἐκλεκτός (Eklektos)

Elect, chosen

The Greek **eklektos** (ἐκλεκτός) means chosen or elect—those selected by God. Believers are 'elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father' (1 Peter 1:2).

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### **Eternal** — αἰώνιος (Aiōnios)

Eternal, everlasting

The Greek **aiōnios** (αἰώνιος) denotes eternal or everlasting—unending duration. Believers possess 'eternal life' (John 3:16) now and will dwell with God eternally, while the impenitent face 'eternal punishment' (Matthew 25:46).

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**Faith** — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

**God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

**Grace** — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

**Mercy** — ἔλεος (Eleos)

Mercy, compassion

The Greek **eleos** (ἔλεος) denotes compassionate mercy—pity for those in distress. God is 'rich in mercy' (Ephesians 2:4), withholding deserved punishment and granting undeserved kindness.

**Prophet** — προφήτης (Prophētēs)

Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

**Righteous** — δίκαιος (Dikaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaios** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

**Truth** — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

**Word** — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

**CROSS REFERENCES****Titus 1:1**

**References Jesus:** Romans 1:1; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 6:3. **Truth:** 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Timothy 2:25. **Parallel theme:** 2 Timothy 2:23. **References God:** 2 Peter 1:3; 3:11. **Faith:** 1 Timothy 3:16. **References Christ:** Colossians 2:2

**Titus 1:2** **References God:** Numbers 23:19. **Covenant:** 2 Timothy 1:1; 1 John 2:25. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 15:29; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2:13. **Eternal Life:** Titus 3:7; 1 John 5:20; Jude 1:21. **Hope:** Titus 2:13

### **Titus 1:3**

**References God:** Colossians 1:6; 1 Timothy 1:11. **Salvation:** Titus 2:10; Isaiah 45:21; 1 Timothy 1:1; 2:3; 4:10. **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 9:17; Ephesians 2:17; Colossians 1:23

**Titus 1:4** **Grace:** 2 Timothy 1:2. **Salvation:** John 4:42; 2 Peter 1:1; 1:11; Jude 1:3. **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 2:13. **Faith:** Romans 1:12. **References Christ:** 2 Corinthians 8:23

### **Titus 1:5**

**Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 12:9; Isaiah 44:7; Acts 11:30; 14:23; 27:7; 27:12; 27:21; 1 Corinthians 11:34; 14:40; 1 Timothy 1:3

### **Titus 1:6**

**Parallel theme:** Titus 1:10; Leviticus 21:7; Ezekiel 44:22; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Timothy 3:12

**Titus 1:7** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 14:17; 15:18; Isaiah 28:7; Ezekiel 44:21; Luke 12:42; Ephesians 5:18; 2 Peter 2:10. **References God:** 1 Peter 4:10; 5:2

**Titus 1:8** **Good:** Titus 2:7; 1 Timothy 3:2. **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 5:7

**Titus 1:9** **Word:** 2 Thessalonians 2:15; 1 Timothy 6:3. **Faith:** 1 Timothy 1:15; 2 Timothy 1:13. **Parallel theme:** Titus 2:1; Job 2:3; Proverbs 23:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 Timothy 1:10; Revelation 3:3

### **Titus 1:10**

**Parallel theme:** Acts 11:2; Galatians 2:4; Ephesians 4:14; 1 Timothy 1:6; 2 Timothy 3:13; James 1:26; 1 John 4:1

**Titus 1:11** **Parallel theme:** Titus 1:7; 1:9; 3:10; Psalms 63:11; 107:42; Jeremiah 8:10; Micah 3:5; Romans 3:19; 1 Timothy 6:5; 2 Timothy 3:6

**Titus 1:12** **Parallel theme:** Acts 17:28; Romans 16:18; 1 Timothy 4:2; 2 Peter 2:15

**Titus 1:13** **Parallel theme:** Titus 2:15; Psalms 119:80; 141:5; Proverbs 27:5; 2 Corinthians 13:10; 1 Timothy 5:20; 2 Timothy 4:2. **Faith:** Titus 2:2; 1 Timothy 4:6

## **Titus 1:14**

**Word:** Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:7; Colossians 2:22. **Truth:** 2 Timothy 4:4; 2 Peter 2:22. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 29:13; Galatians 4:9

**Titus 1:15** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 15:18; Acts 10:15; Romans 14:14; 14:20; 1 Corinthians 8:7; 10:23; 10:25; 10:31. **Faith:** Romans 14:23; Hebrews 10:22

## **Titus 1:16**

**Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 15:22; Isaiah 29:13; Ezekiel 33:31; 1 John 2:4; Revelation 21:8; 21:27.  
**References God:** Isaiah 58:2; Romans 1:28; Ephesians 5:6; Jude 1:4

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