

# THE BOOK OF TITUS

**OT/NT:** New Testament

**SECTION:** Letters of Paul (& Hebrews)

**TRADITIONAL AUTHOR:** The Apostle Paul

**KEY PEOPLE:** Paul, Titus.

**SUMMARY:** Canonically, the Book of Titus is the fifty-sixth book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the twelfth of fourteen [Letters of Paul](#) (2) and the seventeenth book of the [New Testament](#) (3). It was written to guide Titus, a Greek believer, in his leadership of the churches on the island of Crete. Paul writes in [Titus 1:5](#), "The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint (ordain) elders in every town, as I directed you." As was the case with the letter of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy, Paul writes to encourage and guide young pastors in dealing with opposition from both [false teachers](#) (4) and the sinful nature of men (a).

Titus was to visit Crete, infamous for its sin, and restore order to house churches there. Part of his job was to replace corrupt teachers in the churches with godly leaders. Paul also reminded Cretan believers that, while they lived in a sinful culture, they could be transformed into a new humanity by the same grace that [Jesus](#) (5) demonstrated when [He died](#) (6) to redeem them.

As new humanity, they could say no to a lifestyle that was inconsistent with God's generous [love](#) (7). They could also show [God's salvation message](#) (8) and transform their communities by participating in Cretan culture, rejecting anything corrupt, embracing good, living and devoting themselves to Jesus and promoting the common good (b).

**COMING UP:** Next up is the Book of Philemon (9). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

## FOOTNOTES:

- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-word-of-god>
- (2) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/letters-of-paul>
- (3) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/new-testament>
- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/false-teachers>
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- (7) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/advent-love>
- (8) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-good-news>
- (9) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/philemon>

## PAGE SOURCES:

- (a) <http://biblehub.com/summary/titus/1.htm>
- (b) <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/titus/>

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- (c) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/ambassador-in-chains>

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