

TITUS CHAPTER 2 – Qualities of a Sound Church; Trained by Saving Grace!”

OBSERVATION

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APPLICATION

Outline of Titus

OUTLINE:

- I. The church is an organization, Chapter 1
(*As such, it should be orderly [v. 5].*)
- A. Introduction, vv. 1-4
- B. An orderly church must have ordained elders who meet prescribed requirements, vv. 5-9
- C. The bad reputation of the Cretans, vv. 10-16
- II. The church is to teach and preach the Word of God, Chapter 2
- A. The church must teach sound doctrine, vv. 1-10
- B. The church must preach the grace of God, vv. 11-15
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(*To do this, it should be eager, anxious, and learning to perform good works [vv. 1, 8, 14].*)
- A. Good works are evidence of salvation, vv. 1-7
(*The work of the Holy Spirit in contrast to the old life.*)
- B. Good works are profitable for the present and future, vv. 8-15

Titus – Chapter 1:1-16 - Paul opened his letter with several admonitions for Titus to heed in order that he might fulfill his ministry.

TITUS CHAPTER 2

In the two epistles to the Thessalonians, Paul speaks mostly of the coming of Christ—it is a bright and beautiful hope for him and for us!

In Titus, we have a good picture of the New Testament church, developed in the community as an organization.

We see here the ideal given to us of an ideal church is to have or has three things:

1. It has an orderly organization (chapter 1)
2. It is sound in doctrine (chapter 2)
3. It is pure in life, ready to every good work (chapter 3)

In this study, we will look at chapter two. Speak sound doctrine.

Teach Sound Doctrine - So that it may practically be lived!

Tit 1:10 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,

Tit 1:11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

Tit 1:16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

“But, as for you (Titus and the church) speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine, that.....older men...older women... young women...young men...bondservants.... (Titus 2:1-10)

Trained by Saving Grace:

Tit 2:11-15 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (past) [12] teaching us (present) that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, [13] looking for (future) the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. [15] Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

Grace Greater Than Our Sin – Julia Johnson – sung Bob Kauflin

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today. (Refrain)

3. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! All who are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive? (Refrain)

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*Teach Sound Doctrine
Tit 2:1 But as for you,
speak the things which
are proper for sound
doctrine:*

*Tit 2:2 that the older
men be sober, reverent,
temperate, sound in
faith, in love, in
patience;*

*Tit 2:3 the older women
likewise, that they be
reverent in behavior, not
slanderers, not given to
much wine, teachers of
good things—*

v. 1 *for sound* – healthy, wholesome. To teach the things that are in accord with sound doctrine! Titus, speak what healthy (sound) doctrine would look like, practically in human life. To bring it down to something we can understand. In the life of *older men; older women; younger women; younger men and in bondservants - the things which are proper for sound* - to have sound health, that is, *be well* (in body); figuratively to be *uncorrupt* (true in doctrine): *doctrine*: -instruction (the function or the information): - doctrine, learning, teaching.

v. 2 *that the older men* - πρεσβύτες *pres-boo'-tace*; an *old m* - aged (man), old man. To be *older* - the aged - in the things of god. Pro 16:31 *the silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness*. Be a “Mr.” in life. *be sober*, sober, vigilant. Serious about the Lord! *Reverent*, - serious minded, respectable, dignified, worthy of respect - not to be a clown; commanding respect by the way he lives his life. Acts his age! - you’ve been young, but now you are older (“Mr.’s vs. younger men!) It’s good for a younger man to see a older man put his hand on his shoulder – God will work all things together for good! The young may bristle, but they will never forget it! *Temperate*, self-controlled, calm, well-balanced, highs aren’t as high and your lows are as low! *Sound* healthy, be uncorrupt (true in doctrine): (be) whole (-some). *Sound in faith*, Sound in what they know about God and their trust in Him. Older in the things of the Lord! Having tested the things of God! A loving kind of person. Rooted and grounded in the Lord!! One who has walked with the Lord a long time! *Sound in love, ag-ah'-pay; love*, there has to be love showing and pouring out, not crusty and critical. Have experience - a softness and a gentleness about them! They bring love into the room! Always good company! Delightful company! The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. *Sound in patience; steadfastness*, steadfast endurance, that can wait! In a week you’ll see it differently. Sometimes situations need a little bit of space! Older men need to model that before the youth! You mellow out! The ability to bear up around people!

v. 3 *the older women* πρεσβύτες - *pres-boo'-tis* an *old woman*: - **aged woman**. This likely meant women over forty or so, due to the much shorter average life span at that time. Such women may think about one or two extremes - **I’m now to a place where I’ve paid my dues and I can do whatever I want** to do. Or now **I’ve reached a place where my influence and usefulness is over!** Crete was a place of rough culture! They hadn’t seen anything like an older Christian woman. Not for drinking for selfishness. There’s an entire generation coming up behind you that needs to see your witness. To act her age! *likewise*, as thus, that is, in the same way: - even so, likewise, after the same (in like) manner. *that they be reverent* ἱεροπρεπής *hee-er-op-rep-ace*’ not superficial! What’s the latest thing! The real fulfillment is found in influencing the next generation. *in behavior, demeanor*: - *behavior*. *not slanderers*, διάβολος *diabolos* false accuser, devil, slanderer. (38 x in Bible; 35 – Devil; 3 times -1 Tim. 3:11 wives; 2 Tim. 3:3 men last days; Titus 2:3 older women) Like the devil; lying, slandering, now more time, but not to engage in gossip! *not given* (slaves; addicted) *to much wine*, οἶνος *teachers of good things—* another thing of idle time; the need to stay focused on the things of God! But we need to be giving to others - not becoming alcoholics.

In this study, we will look at chapter two. Speak sound doctrine. Teach sound doctrine - so that it may practically be lived! Tit 1:10-11 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, [11] whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. In Contrast – Tit. 2:1 But as for you, speak (preach, say) the things which are proper for sound doctrine.

Because of sound doctrine our lives should look differently from the world. Are our lives reflecting this? – How older men and women, younger men and women are herein being instructed?

vs. 2-3 We older men and women need to act our age! To set a good, Godly, example of Christian living for those younger believers and for the world to see as well!

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<p><i>Tit 2:4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,</i></p> <p><i>Tit 2:5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.</i></p> <p><i>Tit 2:6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded,</i></p>	<p>v. 4 that they admonish καλοδιδάσκαλος, kal-od-id-as'-kal-os;- to train, to teach; that they teach! A teacher of good things. Passing that on to then next generation. That an older person could show them a godly life within the godless environment! The young women to love their husbands, φίλανδρος to be “fond of” - brotherly love -only times used in the New Testament. Philandros fil'-an-dros; fond of man, that is, affectionate as a wife: - love their husbands. The only time in the Bible, where a wife is to “love” her husband- and it's <i>phileo!</i> The second greatest priority, second only to the Lord, thing is to make their marriages work. That they would know the truth of what God wants a godly marriage to be! This is healthy teaching! To love their children, φιλότεκνος - fil-ot'-ek-nos; to make their children a priority in life! Second only to the Holy Spirit, a mother is the most influential in our culture! - could be good or bad!</p> <p>v. 5 to be discreet, σώφρων - Self controlled; not to be crazy! That's good for a young person to hear! Not from one extreme to another! A gold ring in a pig's snout. Pro 11:22 as a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a lovely woman who lacks discretion. A picture for you. chaste, ἀγνός - hag-nos' pure, pure in thought; pure physically; what comes out of your mouth - so far from that of Crete! homemakers, οἰκουρός - oikouros oy-koo-ros' ouros (a guard; be “ware”); a <i>stayer at home</i>, that is, <i>domestically inclined</i> (a “good housekeeper”): - keeper at home. Working at home, busy at home! Neatness of the home, the importance of keeping the home. I think there will be such reward in heaven for them. good, ἀγαθός - What good looks like in all area of their life. The need to have practically what is good in life-in a godly life- biblical right and wrong. obedient ὑποτάσσω - hoop-to-as'-subject to; they are to be taught to be obedient to their own husbands - for his God given role - to have support to accomplish his purpose. to their own husbands, ἀνὴρ anēr an'-ay; a <i>man</i> (properly as an individual male): - fellow, husband, man, sir. that the word λόγος of God θεός may not be blasphemed. Βλασφημέω, blasphemēō blas-fay-meh'-o reviled. Maligned, an honor to the lord - if they were characteristic, they there would be no attractiveness to the Lord. Build up their role as mothers and wives. A constant testimony of what living a Christian life is to be!</p> <p>vs. 6 Likewise, in like manner, exhort urge parakaleo; to call to or for, to exhort, to encourage the young men to be sober-minded, sound mind, to be temperate to be self-controlled - that they can control themselves and must control themselves! A sober estimation of themselves!</p>	<p>vs. 4-5 Note the importance of mothers and wives, who are to train, teach younger women and to love (<i>phileo</i>) their husbands and children! Women are to be self-controlled, pure, good, subject to - obedient to their own husbands! The result is <i>that the word of God may not be blasphemed!</i> How thankful are you for mothers? Mothers, women, how does your life match these requirements given to us in these verses 3-5?</p> <p>v. 6 Similarly young men are to be exhorted and encouraged to be of sound mind, temperate, self-controlled. Are we teaching and showing the younger men this by our example?</p>
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<p><i>Tit 2:7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,</i></p> <p><i>Tit 2:8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.</i></p> <p><i>Tit 2:9 Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back,</i></p> <p><i>Tit 2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.</i></p>	<p><u>v. 7</u> <i>in all things showing yourself to be a pattern</i> - a model; an impress of a stamp or die! In everything set them an example <i>of good works</i>; they need a pattern, a model - to learn by example! Model these things for them. <i>-in doctrine</i>, (instruction) <i>showing integrity</i>, (unwavering in all things, not compromising). <i>reverence</i>, (the fear of God in your heart). <i>incorruptibility</i>, (not giving in to corruption, but being true to His Word)!</p> <p><u>v. 8</u> <i>sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.</i> To silence critics is to live and have a Godly model. Don't give anyone an accusation! Unbelievers are looking for loopholes! A life that's lived before the Almighty God!</p> <p><u>v. 9</u> <i>Exhort bondservants</i> employees to be faithful to their employers to be obedient to their own masters, <i>to be well pleasing in all things</i>, that should be the attitude of all Christian employees - <u>to try to please them!</u> <i>not answering back</i>, not rebellious; not talking back; bearing Christlike qualities are most powerful!</p> <p><u>v. 10</u> <i>not pilfering</i>, Not stealing! You can't steal from your boss! Crete was a society where thieving was so prevalent; No paper clips/pens! <i>but showing all good fidelity</i>, good faith, we're honest! <u>We can be fully trusted!</u> <i>that they may adorn</i> To add beauty; to adding splendor; to add distinction; to reveal the beauty; in every way. They will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive! <i>the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.</i> The reason that we live this kind of life to add beauty, splendor or distinction to the good news of our God our Savior - <u>John 3:16</u>. By obeying, we reveal His beauty.</p>	<p><u>vs. 7-8</u> How good a witness are we in these areas of living as Christians? A pattern or model; in our doctrine; showing integrity; reverence; incorruptibility; using sound speech; living without giving an impression leading to others speaking evil of you.</p> <p><u>vs. 9-10</u> Another example of the effect of grace in the life of a Christian – how we are in the workplace? As an employee, are we obedient as we should be to our employer? Are we talking back or showing resentment when given tough jobs? Are we taking things, even as small as pens and paperclips, using worktime for personal use? Is our conduct adorning the doctrine of God our Savior in all things, or is it detracting?</p>
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Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

Tit 2:12 teaching
(pedagogue- instructor of children) us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

THEN HE BEGINS TO SPEAK OF THE GRACE OF GOD!

v. 11 For the grace of God Grace is used 148 times in the NKJV Bible. It’s “Paul’s word”! He uses it more than 100 times, much more than any other writer. John uses it 7 times. However, he used the name “Jesus” more than 240 times! (Jesus) Joh 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.* If you want to see grace, you’ve got to see Jesus! Peter uses grace 10 times, defining it once - 1Pe 4:10 *As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold (ποικίλος - poy-kee'-los - various in character: -- varied colors, divers, manifold) grace of God.* Paul, having persecuted the early church, after discovering it, he used “grace” over and over again. This is his definition of it - **PAST** (God’s grace came, it’s present to all men), **PRESENT** (it teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, that we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this age) and **FUTURE** (looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ!) *that brings salvation has appeared to all men, has appeared – epiphainō, shine upon, become visible!* First Epiphanes. Paul ran into those that took his word, where sin abounds, grace does much more abound. Rom 6:1-2 *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? [2] Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Christ’s first coming!* His atoning blood is sufficient for all men. His grace, which has no limit, is available for all! **It doesn’t say all men are saved. It says all men are save-able!** Although we cannot save ourselves, there is now no excuse for anyone – every man, woman, and child, to turn away from a holy God! The problem is the world doesn’t want to hear this!

Universalism, Inclusive-ism, exclusive-ism (Acts 4:12), cheap grace.

v. 12 PRESENT – The grace of God that brings us salvation has delivered us from the **PENALTY** of sin; from the **POWER** of sin; and from the **PRESENCE** of sin! We should behave ourselves in this short journey. This age is not our age. We have eternity coming! But older and younger men, women, here are your roles! *Soberly, righteously and godly?* That same grace is: teaching us– Second Epiphanes - that, denying – Say “NO to worldly things that the world won’t say no to!!!! – to hatred, prejudice and bigotry, to sexual sin, drugs, to alcohol, to abortion – because we are Christians! Grace has taught us that! Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, living soberly (self control), righteously (others centered; the right way) and godly (Vertically - in relationship to the Lord). Now we’re being delivered from the power of sin – We should say NO! But we are being instructed by grace, thank God, no longer under the law! However, grace is much more demanding than the law. The law will kill you, but grace will not let you off the hook! It will pick you up and keep putting you back on your feet, dust you off and start over, until you surrender to our Lord!) ungodliness and worldly lusts, get rid of them! we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, In contrast to the coming Age. We are not at home, the present age is where we are and where are to witness. Gal 1:4 *who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,*

v. 11 GRACE – *We need to remember the acronym – “God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense”* The reason that the lives older men and women and younger men and women’s lives should adorn the Gospel is because *the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. – that’s PAST. If no grace! Then no salvation! Grace was before the foundation of the world, but it entered time and space once and for all through Jesus Christ. It’s God’s grace that stepped through time, became flesh and dwelt among us. - full of grace and truth.* If you want to see grace, you have to see Jesus! His birth. His rearing. His time here on earth. His death. His resurrection!

v. 12 Is this how you and I are living? *Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, living soberly, righteously and godly? How am I living? How are you living?*

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Tit 2:13 looking for the blessed hope (blood bought!) and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ (one of the strongest statement of the Divinity of Jesus Christ being God!),

v. 13 Grace is teaching us: Without grace there is no salvation. Without grace there is no learning. And here it tells us that it is grace alone that tells us to look forward to the coming of an all-powerful, all holy God! **FUTURE!** To the second Epiphany, where the only light coming through the heavens is that light from Christ Jesus! **looking for** (present tense, constantly, expectantly, anticipating, looking for!) **the blessed hope** - (**Titus 1:2**- *In hope of eternal life, which God who cannot lie, promised before time began -*) that’s the blessed hope-eternal life! **1 John 5** - *this is the record - that God has given to us eternal life. and this life is in His Son - he who has the Son has life; John 3:16* For God so loved..... So I’m to live **soberly, righteously and godly looking for the blessed hope** that life of God imparted to me! **Titus 3:7** - *that having been justified by His grace, we should become heirs of eternal life!* The hope is predicated upon the promises of God - back to **Titus 1:2**. That’s God’s gift! **and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**, Jesus’ Second Coming - the most certain thing that will occur. His coming to earth, to establish His Kingdom. As we pray - **Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done - on earth as it is in heaven.** When is **His Second Coming?** The bible tells us constantly to “**be ready**”. Doesn’t it seem like He’s coming soon? I believe that He is. I believe He is coming before this generation passes away. And so has been since the time of the early church. I believe that by design, that God has every generation believing that is was the generation that it would be the one that would see the Lord’s return. We’re going to see the Lord one way or the other, either a personal Rapture or the Rapture of the church.

1. It gives us a **sense of urgency for getting the gospel out** - time is short! We need and have an obligation to get the gospel out in our generation - true in every generation.
2. It gives us a **proper view of material things!** - Let every contact with the world be as light as possible; Proper attitude toward earthly possessions. Don’t get too involved in earthly, material things.
3. It **has a purifying effect on how we live.** - **1Jn 3:2-3** *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. [3] And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

v. 13 What is your hope? What are you looking for? Three reasons to always be ready for His Second Coming:

Review these three things to memory!

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2 It gives us a **proper view of material things!** - Let every contact with the world be as light as possible; Proper attitude toward earthly possessions.

3 It **has a purifying effect on how we live.**
ARE YOU READY?

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Tit 2:14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special) people, zealous for good works.

Tit 2:15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

v. 14 who gave (giving willingly – “Not My will but Thy will be done!”) Himself for us, that He might redeem (paid the price) us from every (all our sin, our twistedness, our nature) lawless deed We were once a slave to our lust! and purify (test as in metallurgy, draw out dross) for Himself His own special (one’s own, a special people of His own possession, that He, Himself, surrounds, He has set us apart, purified for Himself His own special people!) people, zealous for good works. We’re special because we’re to be zealous for good works. Living lives of dedication and consecration unto God. **He not only dies for us, He died as us.** When He rose, we rose. When He stepped out of the tomb. We stepped out of the tomb. God loves the backslider, the prodigal. His grace brought salvation to you. It’s all grace. That pedagogue, teaching you! Denying ungodly and worldly lust!

v. 15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you or your youth, but be an example! These are the things of which we should speak! Not legalism. We’re to speak, exhort and rebuke! With all authority. Let no one despise you - don’t give anyone room to despise you. But **you be the example.** Paul said to Titus and to every pastor teaching the word of God. You set the pattern of showing the people how they should live! When Paul was on his way to Jerusalem, he said to the elders in Ephesus at Miletus - "*You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, teaching you and showing you.*" Many times, **we are to show by example:** There’s a story of St. Francis - to a young friar - Let’s go to the village and speak to the people about Jesus. On the way, he stopped by some children, chatting, patted them, **showing them love.** Then he talked to a few more villagers on the way, talking about different things; how they were doing. After a while he said, let’s go back to the convent....I thought we were going to preach to the people. He said we have been preaching to the people!
We have the awesome opportunity to teach! By **showing them love;** by **showing them graciousness by demonstrating how it is to walk in the consciousness of God;** the value and beauty of living a life of purity and holiness. So speak, exhort and rebuke! Let no man despise you. So *verse 15* ends as *verse 1* began this chapter ... speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine. Let your life be an example.

v. 14 Do we realize how special, how different from the world, we, blood bought, His special people are? Do we believe what Jesus believes? – About sex, marriage, homosexuality, creation, life, abortion, morality, love? About the way we should treat our fellow man? That makes us special, zealous for good works! NOT like everybody else?

v. 15 These are the things of which we should speak! Not legalism. We’re to speak, exhort and rebuke! With all authority: Let no one despise you - don’t give anyone room to despise you. But you be the example. Paul said to Titus and to every pastor teaching the word of God. You set the pattern of showing the people how they should live!