

7. TITUS

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Chapter 1

1:1 Sha'ul, a slave of YAHWEH,
but an ambassador of YAHUSHUA, The Messiah,
according to *the* trust of YAHWEH's chosen
and *the* recognition of the truth
which is according to deep reverence

Sha'ul means requested.

1:2 for the sake of anticipation of Eternal Life
which YAHWEH, Who cannot lie,
promised before time began,

1:3 but has rendered apparent His message
in these very times by a proclamation
which has been entrusted to me
according to the instruction
of YAHUSHUA our Deliverer;

YAHWEH is the ultimate source of our deliverance. HE is the One who sent YAHUSHUA into the world to accomplish what was necessary in order that we might receive our promised inheritance. If you read The Old Covenant you quickly see that YAHWEH is the One who is continually providing deliverance.

1:4 to Titus, a genuine son according to a shared faith.
Favor, compassion, well being
from YAHWEH, The Father,
and The Master, YAHUSHUA, The Messiah,
our deliverer.

Titus means nurse, or nurturer.

1:5 For this cause I left you in Crete,
in order that you might straighten out what's left to do
and designate elders in every city as I directed you

Crete means fleshy.

1:6 if any is blameless, the husband of one wife,
having trustworthy children,
not accused of wastefulness or disobedience.

1:7 Indeed, a superintendent must be blameless
as a steward of YAHWEH,

not self willed,
not quick tempered,
not given to wine,
not violent,
not greedy,

1:8 but instead
hospitable,
fond of what is good,
sober-minded,
just,

set apart,
self controlled;

1:9 adhering to the faithful message
according to the way he has been instructed
in order that he is able through sound teaching
both to encourage and admonish
those who are contradicting it.

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

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

1:12 One of them, a prophet of their own said,
"Cretans are always liars, harmful beasts, lazy gluttons."

1:13 This testimony is true.
For this cause rebuke them sharply
so that they may be sound in the faith,
1:14 not paying attention to Yisra'elite myths
and precepts of men who turn away from the truth.

1:15 Indeed, on the one hand,
to the pure all things are pure.
But on the other hand,
to those being defiled and disbelieving
not one thing is pure.
Indeed, even their mind and conscience are defiled.

1:16 They profess to know **YAHWEH**
yet by works they deny Him,
being detestable and disobedient,
and disqualified for every good work.

Chapter 2

2:1 But you are to speak the things
which are appropriate to sound instruction.

2:2 Older men are to be sober,
serious,
self controlled,
being not corrupt in faith,
in love,
in patience.

2:3 Older women likewise
are to be reverent in behavior,
not slanderers,
not given to much wine,
teachers of what is right,
2:4 in order that they might train the young women
to love their husbands,
to love their children,
2:5 to be of sound mind,
pure,
housekeepers,
good,
subordinate to their own husbands,
in order that the word of **YAHWEH**
may not be spoken of impiously.

2:6 Likewise encourage young men to be of sound mind,
2:7 in all things holding yourself up
as a pattern of good works
in which instruction is pure, serious, incorruptible,
2:8 a healthy message with which no one can find fault,
so that one who is opposed is confounded
having not one bad thing to say concerning you.

2:9 Slaves are to be subordinate to their own masters,
being well pleasing in everything, not talking back,
2:10 not taking things for oneself,
but rather showing all good faithfulness,
in order that they might put in proper order
the instruction of **YAHWEH**, our deliverer, in everything.

2:11 Indeed, the favor of **YAHWEH** has appeared,
bringing deliverance to all persons,
2:12 training us up in order that,
rejecting irreverence and worldly longings,
we are to live soberly, justly, and reverently
in this present age,

2:13 waiting for the happy expectation
and magnificent revealing of The Great Elohim
and our deliverer, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
epiphaneia – epiphany, being made visible.

2:14 Who has given Himself for our sakes,
in order that He might ransom us
away from every illegality
and purify for Himself His own special people
zealous for good works.

2:15 Speak these things!
Also encourage and admonish with all authoritativeness!
Let no one put you down!

Chapter 3

3:1 Remind them to be subordinate
to rulers and authorities,
submitting to authority,

being ready for every good work,
3:2 speaking irreverently of no one,
not being contentious,
considerate, showing every respectfulness
toward all human beings;

3:3 because we ourselves were also at one time
unwise, stubborn, deceived,
being a slave to various strong desires
and sensual delights,
living in malice and ill will, hateful,
detesting one another.

3:4 But when the goodness and benevolence
of **YAHWEH**, our deliverer,
became visible to human beings,

3:5 not by works of right actions which we have done,
but rather according to His compassion,
He delivered us by means of the washing
of non-carnal rebirth and renovation
by The Set Apart Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**

Washing is always associated with purification or cleansing. To be unclean was to be defiled. To be defiled meant you had no right to enter into the presence of YAHWEH. What's normally translated as "washing of regeneration" is far more significant than we realize. It refers to a cleansing that's part of a rebirth. It's a total purification. It makes us undefiled. There is no more offense debt! (Sin is an offense against YAHWEH.) It's been covered by the blood of The Messiah, thereby purifying us. We are now a brand new creation because of The Messiah. And we are being renovated - remodeled, in the sense of being remade. It will be completed in eternity. "The Holy Spirit" is an improper "translation". Literally it is "sacred breath". It refers to the inner essence of YAHWEH Himself. It is, in fact, His Divine Nature that's being referred to. A detailed study of Scripture affirms this conclusion. There is no "trinity" because His Divine Nature is not a separate "person". The 'new nature' found in a believer is The Divine Nature implanted within them. It is the "new man".

3:6 which He bestowed on us abundantly
through **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah, our deliverer,
3:7 in order that having been rendered innocent
by that very favor we might become heirs
in accordance with the anticipation of Eternal Life.

3:8 This is a faithful saying.
And concerning these things
I want you to assert them strongly
in order that those who have trusted in **YAHWEH**

might be careful to maintain good works!
These things are good and helpful to human beings.

3:9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies,
contentions, and strivings about The Torah
because they are useless and profitless.

You are literally dead to The Torah. It's useless to argue about it any longer. Scripture affirms that when a new high priest is designated the old "law" must be replaced by a new one. YAHUSHUA is our new high priest. Therefore there is a new order of things.

3:10 Avoid a divisive person
after the first and second warning,
3:11 knowing that such a person
is perverted and is offending,
being self condemned.

3:12 When I send Artemas to you or Tychicus
be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis,
because I have decided to spend the winter there.

Artemas means safe and sound.
Tychicus means fortunate.
Nicopolis means conquest of the city.

3:13 Send Zenas, the lawyer, and Apollos
on their journey with haste,
so that they might lack nothing.

Zenas means Jupiter, who was the father of the "gods".
Apollos means a destroyer.

3:14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works,
to meet urgent needs
so that they might not be unfruitful.

3:15 All who are with me greet you.
Greet those who love us in the faith.
Favor *be* with you all.
Amen.