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Titus 1-2

**SEPARATE**

= (v.) to set apart; (adj.) dissimilar in nature or identity

And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

**Ezekiel 44:23**

## INTRODUCTION

- one of the fundamentals of our faith is **BIBLE SEPARATION**

Biblical separation is the implementation of the scriptural teaching that demands repudiation of any conscious or continuing fellowship with those who deny the doctrines of the historic Christian faith, especially as such fellowship finds expression in organized ecclesiastical structures, and which results in the establishment and nurture of local congregations of believers who are free from contaminating alliances.

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*Biblical Separation*

in other words, we hold to separating ourselves from others who do not teach and believe the doctrines we do

in church, if not in social settings

and thus, the **TITLE** of our message tonight...

### **2 Corinthians 6:17**

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

also **Ezekiel 44:23**

it is for this reason we observe closed communion and baptize those who wish to join our church but have never been scripturally baptized

- this was a great problem that existed in the church found on the island of Crete, where Titus was the pastor

Titus was a Greek man who had been saved under the ministry of the Apostle Paul

### **Galatians 2:3 Titus 1:4**

like Timothy, he was facing certain struggles in his church against false teachers; but *unlike* Timothy, he was much more assertive in his manner

### **Titus 1:5**

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:

the churches on Crete was probably started by Jewish believers who had been present on the Day of Atonement **Acts 2:11**

but now, with very little leadership in place, false teachers had arrived to fill the vacuum

### **verse 9**

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.

- so Paul wrote this letter to the young pastor, instructing him as to how to handle the matter before him

the letter to Titus is a condensed version of the first one sent to Timothy

**tonight, we want to take a simple look  
at the difference between  
the world and the believer**

# 1. THE CRETANS **Titus 1:10-16**

## THEIR MANNERISM

**verse 12** here, Paul quoted one of their known authors (he calls him a prophet, but likely, he was a priest in the mythology religion)

Epimenides (born 659 BC)

he said they were:

always liars	in every direction
evil beasts	wild in character
slow bellies	lazy and gluttonous

they were quick to tell lies, but also just as quick to believe the lies they were told

they knew no boundaries in their conduct and relationships

they were not hard workers and looked for the short-cut and the easy way out

## THEIR MESSAGE

**verse 10-11** their message seemed to derive from their mannerism:

unruly, vain talkers, and deceivers

circumcision = these were the Jewish proselytizers who wanted Christians to adhere to Jewish law

*subverting whole houses* churches met in private homes and were being deceived by the false doctrines being preached by false teachers

## THEIR MOTIVE

**verse 11** the reason these false teachers traveled and spread lies was for the sake of money

**2 Peter 2:3** with feigned words shall make...

### verse 16

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

this was the **REAL** issue...claiming to know God but their actions betrayed their lives

## BELIEF DETERMINES BEHAVIOR

## 2. THE CHRISTIANS **Titus 2**

### THE GRACE OF GOD **verses 11-13**

whereas the Cretans looked to themselves to find meaning and direction in their lives, the Christian understands the grace of God is his purpose and direction

#### verse 11

it is a <b>sovereign</b> grace	it is God's
it is a <b>saving</b> grace	it brings salvation
it is a <b>sufficient</b> grace	it is for all men

no one has ever saved themselves...it is wholly and entirely the work of God in the life of the one who believes

### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.

### **Titus 3:5**

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

# THE GOOD WORKS OF BELIEVERS

five times Paul used the phrase 'good works'

**2:7, 14 (3:1,8,14)**

this is contrasted with the 'works of righteousness'  
one might attempt in order to gain favor with God

**Titus 3:5**

these good works come about as a result of our  
salvation and a desire to please Him who gave His  
life for us

**2 Timothy 2:4**

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the  
affairs of this life; that he may please him who  
hath chosen him to be a soldier.

**1 Thessalonians 4:1**

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and  
exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of  
us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would  
abound more and more.

**2:1-9** Paul gave plenty of instructions to Titus to  
then give to his members:

older men

older women

young women

young men

for tonight, however, consider two traits that  
should mark you as a Christian in this world:

**your CONVICTION: doctrine**

**1:9 (2:1, 7, 10)**

**your CONDUCT: sobriety**

= **balanced; level-headed**

**2:2, 3, 4, 6, 12**