TITUS

1. TITLES:

- A. Titus = pleasant, honourable, nurse, or rearer
- B. The Epistle to Titus
- C. The Book of The Minister Godliness

2. AUTHOR:

Written by Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

3. **DATE:** PROBABLY WRITTEN BETWEEN 62 AND 66 A.D. AFTER PAUL'S FIRST IMPRISONMENT AT ROME (ACTS 28).

4. KEY WORDS:

- A. Good 11
- B. Work (s) 8
- C. Saviour 6
- D. Sound 5

- E.
- F. Doctrine 4
- G. Teach (ers, ing) 4
- H. Godly (ness, un) 3

5. KEY VERSES: 2:11-14

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To give to Titus specific instructions as to the qualifications of elders in the churches of Crete.
- B. To show the life of godliness that is to be lived by God's grace.
- C. To exhort Titus to teach sound doctrine.

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. The <u>teaching</u> of <u>sound doctrine</u> leads to <u>godliness</u> of character and to <u>good</u> works.
- B. True godliness is embodied not in what we say but in what we are and do.
- C. A true appreciation of the grace of God will provide motivation for good works.

8. OUTLINE:

l.	Godliness in the <u>Church</u> Qualifications of Ministers	Ch. 1
II.	Godliness in the Home Character of Believers	Ch. 2
III.	Godliness in the World Conduct of Believers	Ch. 3

9. SUMMARY:

This book is one of Paul's four personal epistles, written to individuals rather than to churches. Titus, like Timothy, was Paul's son in the faith and became one of his traveling companions. He is not named in Acts but is referred to several times in the Pauline epistles. Titus had been left in Crete to establish and set in order the churches there (1:5). Thus Paul writes to Titus giving him instructions how to carry out his mission. Chapter one emphasizes church order, giving qualifications for elders. In chapter two, Paul exhorts Titus to teach sound doctrine, showing the godly character it produces, especially in the home. Chapter three deals with the practical ream of maintaining good works and avoiding evil. Also note that this epistle contains more references to Jesus Christ as "God our Saviour" than any other New Testament book! (1:3, 4; 2:10, 13; 3:4, 6).

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as our <u>Saviour</u> (1:3), the <u>Grace of God</u> (2:11), and our <u>Redeemer</u> (2:14).