



# Titus 1: Defending the Pure Gospel

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- (Tit 1:1) Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,
- (Tit 1:2) in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began
- (Tit 1:3) and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Saviour;



- (Tit 1:4) To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.
- (Tit 1:5) This is why I left you in Crete, so that you **might put what remained into order**, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—
- (Tit 1:6) if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or **insubordination**.



- (Tit 1:7) For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,
- (Tit 1:8) but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.
- (Tit 1:9) He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.



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- (Tit 1:11) They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.
- (Tit 1:12) One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."



- (Tit 1:13) This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,
- (Tit 1:14) not devoting themselves **to Jewish myths** and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.
- (Tit 1:15) To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.



- (Tit 1:16) They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, **unfit for any good work.**
- (Tit 2:1) But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.



# What is the raw Gospel?

- (Eph 2:1) And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
- (Eph 2:2) in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—



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- (Eph 2:3) among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
- (Eph 2:4) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,



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- (Eph 2:5) even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
- (Eph 2:6) and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

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- (Eph 2:7) so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- (Eph 2:8) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
- (Eph 2:9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



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- (1Pe 2:24) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
- (Col 2:13) And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,



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- 6) “Builds” an inviting all welcome community
- 7) Shines a bright light on the generous, loving saviour

<b>Legalism</b>	<b>Lawlessness</b>
“Work to receive grace” view	Hyper grace view
Human effort to attain salvation	Beliefs God is casual about sin, therefore there is no growth
Rule driven expression of faith (Judaism)	Makes rules up as you go
Hebrews, Gal	1 john, Cor. etc



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(1Th 4:3) For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

- “If I am 100% pure in my thoughts and God will accept me”
- “when I have dealt with this sin, I can go to small group”
- “I’m working through something, when I have succeeded I can come”

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- (Col 2:8) See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.
- (Col 2:20) If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—

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- (Col 2:21) "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch"
- (Col 2:22) (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?
- (Col 2:23) These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.



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- B) Pursuing the wrong beliefs altogether



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- (Gal 5:12) I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!
- (Gal 5:13) For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.



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# Fruits of the “Legalism-Gospel”

- 1) A standard is presented that you must adhere to
- 2) This leads to self reliance/self doubt
- 3) Worship is doubtful/performance driven (am I good enough?)
- 4) Salvation is doubted in times of trials
- 5) The engine for obedience is to attain acceptance
- 6) Builds a exclusive community that is “special”
- 7) The glory shift away from Jesus



# Titus 1: Protect the Gospel

- 1) Appoint elders/Leaders to oversee (v5-9)
- 2) Deal with “insubordination”/rebellion (v6,10)
- 3) Do not tolerate “Jewish” myths/Judaism/legalism (V14)
- 4) Teach/celebrate the true Gospel (2v1)
- 5) **For good works, let faith be the engine (v1-2)**



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