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The Letter of St. Paul to Titus

Chapter 2

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Introduction

- Having reviewed the qualifications of elders and their work, Paul exhorts Titus to "speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine."
- Such things include the proper conduct expected of Christians, both male and female, young and old, and of those who are servants
- Even Titus was to present himself as a pattern of good works for others to follow, which would also serve to silence any opponents of the faith (1-10)



Introduction

- St. Paul then writes of the grace of God that brings salvation to all men
- This grace instructs us to deny ungodliness, choosing instead to live soberly and righteously
- It also encourages us to look forward to the blessed hope we have related to the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ
- These things Titus was to teach with all authority, allowing none to despise him for doing so (11-15)

Qualities of a Sound Church (2:1-10)



- Instead of following Jewish fables, teach what is proper for sound doctrines
- Sober: Not given to wine
- Temperate: Exhibiting self-control
- Sound in faith: True believers
- In patience: Steadfastly persevering
- Not slanderers. Not given to insinuations of evil
- Teachers of good things: by example and precept

Qualities of a Sound Church (2:1-10)



- A special mission is to teach the young women
- Discreet: How often thoughtless indiscretion has caused great pain and trouble!
- Homemakers: Those who are continually out will neglect the duties of domestic life
- That the word of God be not be evil spoken of; particularly by unbelieving husbands, who lay all the blame on the religion of their wives
- Sober minded: A virtue rarely found in youth

Qualities of a Sound Church (2:1-10)



- Both the pastor's life and doctrine must be sound
- Integrity will cause the people to come their clergy and churches in the most reverent and honest way
- Sound speech: Speech of a healthy, moral effect
- Opponents whether heathen, Jews, or false teachers
- Well pleasing in all things: wherein it can be done without sin

Qualities of a Sound Church (2:1-10)



- Not answering back: Though blamed unjustly
- Not pilfering: Not taking or giving any thing without their master's permission
- Good fidelity: Faithfulness in duty which will secure the master's confidence
- The virtues of a Christian servant would commend Christianity to the master
- As a matter of fact we know that many masters were converted by their servants

Trained by Saving Grace (2:11-15)



- The divine grace shown in the gospel of salvation is for all men, servants as well as masters
- We are taught by the grace that we must deny ourselves all sinful lusts, and live godly lives
- The attitude of Christians is that of waiting in expectation of the fulfillment of a glorious hope
- The Lord who will appear gave the greatest of all things, Himself, for us

Trained by Saving Grace (2:11-15)



- Redeem: To deliver us from sin, not only from its power, but its penalty
- A special people: Separate, chosen, holy in life
- The Jews were, under the old covenant, a peculiar people; now, Christians, are God's Israel
- Let none have any just cause to despise you
- Warn them with such authority that no one may think himself above the need of admonition



Conclusion

- What was expected of the older men?
- What was expected of the older women?
- What was expected of the younger women?
- What was Titus to exhort the young men?
- What was Titus expected to do?
- What was expected of those who were servants?
- What does the grace of God teach us?
- Why did Jesus give Himself for us?
- How was Titus to speak these things?