

TODAY'S LESSON

**“MAINTAIN GOOD  
WORKS”**

(Titus 3:8)

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# Titus

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## Galatians 2:1-3

**1** Then after fourteen years I went up again to **Jerusalem with Barnabas**, and also took **Titus with me**. **2** And I went up **by revelation**, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain. **3** Yet **not even Titus who was with me**, being **a Greek**, **was compelled to be circumcised**.

# Titus

- In **Acts** but not specifically mentioned in **Acts** (in **Acts 11:27-30** see **Gal. 2:1-3**)
- A **Greek** (not a **Jew** but a **Gentile Gal. 2:3**)
- **Converted by Paul Titus 1:4** *true son*
- A young evangelist (**before Timothy**)
- Paul **sent Titus** to **Corinth**; Titus was effective **2 Cor. 7:13-16**

## 2 Corinthians 7:13-16

**13** Therefore **we have been comforted** in **your comfort**. And **we rejoiced exceedingly more** for the **joy** of **Titus**, because **his spirit has been refreshed** by **you all**. **14** For if in anything **I have boasted** to **him about you**, I am not ashamed. But as **we spoke all things to you in truth**, even so **our boasting to Titus** was found **true**. **15** And **his affections are greater for you** as **he remembers the obedience** of **you all**, how with fear and trembling **you received him**. **16** Therefore I rejoice that **I have confidence in you** in everything.

# Titus

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**7:5-7**

## 2 Corinthians 2:12-13

**12** Furthermore, when I came to **Troas** to preach **Christ's gospel**, and a **door was opened to me** by **the Lord**, **13** I had **no rest in my spirit**, because **I did not find Titus my brother**; but taking my leave of them, **I departed for Macedonia.**



## 2 Corinthians 7:5-7

**5** For indeed, when we came to **Macedonia**, **our bodies** had no rest, but we **were troubled on every side**. **Outside** were **conflicts**, **inside** were **fears**. **6** Nevertheless **God**, **who comforts** the downcast, **comforted us by** the coming of **Titus**, **7** and not only by his coming, but also by the **consolation** with which **he was comforted in you**, when **he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me**, so that **I rejoiced even more**.

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## 2 Corinthians 8:6,16-19

<sup>6</sup> So we urged **Titus**, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well... <sup>16</sup> But thanks be to **God who puts the same earnest care for you** into the **heart** of **Titus**. <sup>17</sup> For **he** not only **accepted** the **exhortation**, but being **more diligent, he went to you** of **his own accord**. <sup>18</sup> And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches, <sup>19</sup> and not only that, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and to show your ready mind, <sup>20</sup> avoiding this:

## 2 Corinthians 8:20-24

that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us — **21** providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. **22** And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which we have in you. **23** If **anyone inquires about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker** concerning **you**. Or if **our brethren** are inquired about, they are **messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ**. **24** Therefore **show to them**, and before **the churches**, the proof of **your love** and of **our boasting** on **your behalf**.

# Titus

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- Paul sent Titus back to Corinth to finish collection for Judean saints **2 Cor. 8:6,16-24**
- Titus traveled with Paul, remained in Crete **Titus 1:5** Titus was a problem solver
- Paul wanted Titus to rejoin him in Nicapolis **Titus 3:12; Titus eventually moved north to Dalmatia 2 Tim. 4:10**

# *Maintain Good Works*

## The **Need** for **Qualified Examples** of **Good Works 1:5-16**

- The **qualifications** for elders in every city **1:5-9**
- Those **disqualified** for **good works 1:10-16**

## **Sound Doctrine** of **Good Works 2:1-10**

## **Grace of God Produces** a **People Zealous** for **Good Works 2:11-3:14**

- **Changed, purified, holy, zealous people 2:11-15**
- The **new life** of **grace 3:1-8**
- **Rebuke** and **reject** the **impenitent 3:9-11**

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  - **Elders** in **every city Acts 14:23; 1 Peter 5:1-4**
  - **Blameless proven spiritual leadership v.6,9**
  - **Blameless proven spiritual character v.7,8**
- Those **disqualified** for **good works 1:10-16**
  - **False teachers v.10-11, 16**
  - **Cretans in general v.12-13**

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## Sound Doctrine of Good Works 2:1-10

- **v.2** Older **men** sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience
- **v.3** Older **women** reverent, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things
- **v.4-5** **Younger women** love their families, discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient
- **v.6-8** **Younger men** sober, integrity, reverence. Incorruptibility, sound speech
- **v.9-10** **Slaves** obedient, well-pleasing, not talking back, not pilfering, fidelity **Col. 3:22-24**



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## Sound Doctrine of Good Works 2:1-10

### WHY Maintain Good Works:

- **v.5** that *the word of God may not be blasphemed*
- **v.8** that *one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you*
- **v.10** that *they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things*

# *Maintain Good Works*

Grace of God Produces a People Zealous for  
Good Works 2:11-3:14

- God's grace appeared to all men & teaches us
- to deny ungodliness & worldly lusts to live soberly, righteously, and godly
- Redeemed to be purified & zealous people for God 2:11-15
- Manner of teaching based on grace 3:1-3
- How saved by grace 3:4-6
- Why saved by grace 3:7-8
- Rebuke and reject the impenitent 3:9-11

# Saved By Grace Titus 3:4-6

- Saved by God's grace, mercy, kindness v.4
- Not saved by our works of righteousness v. 5
- Saved by washing of regeneration & renewing of the Holy Spirit v.5 water & Spirit John 3:5)

Acts 2:38 repentance + baptism + remission of sins + gift of the Holy Spirit

- Hebrews 10:22 spiritual sprinkling & baptism
- 1 Peter 1:22-23 born of God's word by obeying the truth 3:20-21 baptism does save us



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