**Titus chapter 1** Autheirship, Salutation

**Authority:** Apostle of Jesus Christ, according to God’s elect

**Theme:** To instruct us Pastoral epistle concerning church order, doctrine and discipline

**Titus:** He was a gentile. **Gal 2:1-3**

A beloved friend and helper. **2 Cor 2:13** I had no rest in my spirit because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence to Macedonia.

**2Cor 7:6** Nevertheless God that comforters those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus.

**V13**.Therfore we were comforted in your comfort; yea, and exceedingly more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

**V8-23.......**whether any do inquire of Titus, he is mu partner and fellow helper concerning you: or our brothers be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.

Trustworthy, thourouly unselfish. **2Cor 12:17-18** Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you? I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? Walked we not in the same spirit? Walked we not in the same steps?

Titus was with Paul when Paul was in prison before leaving for Dalmatia **2 Tim 4: 10**

This epistle gives counsel and exhortations relating to ministerial duties and doctrine with special emphasis on maintaining character and good works 1:16

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

The character of Cretans was such that Paul thought it necessary to insist upon consistent Christian living

Does not teach salvation by good works.3:5-6.

Primary instruction about church organization and discipline

1. Salutation and reference to glorious hope the gospel 1-4.

2. The purpose of assignment of Titus to Crete v5

3. a. Church order and discipline the character and qualifications of elders and overseas 6-9.

4. Warning about false teachers 10-11.

5. The evil character of Cretans described their own prophet Epimenides demanded stern warning and steadfast adherence to truth. Rebuking them sharply about Jewish fables and myths - legalistic errors 12-14

6. Condemning inward defilement and hypocrisy 15-16