

of values. He is sinning, and he knows It [Titus3:10,11 LB)]”.

1. (a) Where has Paul decided to spend the winter? (Titus 3:12) _____
- (b) Name Paul’s 2 friends and fellow laborers who are traveling to Crete, to which Paul instructs the Cretan Churches to extend the appropriate hospitality? (Titus 3:13) _____

THIRD STUDY

DEMONSTRATION OF SOUND DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIANS IN A PAGAN WORLD CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP (Titus 3:1,2)

Paul exhorts Timothy to put them in mind: (them, being the local Churches of Crete) to be subject to the principalities and powers (supreme powers); to obey magistrates; and to be ready to every good work (Titus 3:1). We understand at this point, Paul’s subject concerns being a good citizen.

In Romans 13, Paul begins with, *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: and the powers that be are ordained of God* (Romans 13:1).

Government is a part of God’s plan. It is the way society can punish evil. Those who resist the power, resists the ordinance of God, and shall receive unto themselves damnation or judgment (Romans 13:2; see verses 3-5). God requires us to be a good citizen.

1. As Christians, what are some of the things we can do in our community and country to be a good citizen? _____

The apostle continues in 2 his delineation (description) of the Christian’s civic behavior: **To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gen-**

tle, shewing all meekness to all men. The first of these reminders is one we need to hear and heed in the context of the church as well as that in the civic community. There are three test to which we should put every derogatory (critical, insulting) speech we are tempted to make about others: (1) Is it true? (2) Is it kind? (3) Is it necessary? How many times the application of these three tests would effectively seal our lips! ¹

2. To avoid quarreling and the quarrelsome spirit out of which quarrels are born, Paul urges us to be no _____, but gentle, _____ unto all men (Titus 3:2).

CHRISTIANS ARE TRANSFORMED BY GRACE
(Titus 3:3-8)

In the past, we ourselves were sometimes, foolish, disobedient, deceived (led astray; made to wander from the truth), slaves to various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. This is human life without the sweetening influences of the Holy Spirit.

1. Paul reminds the Cretan Christians in Titus 3:3, some of the characteristics of their own sinful pasts; and includes himself in this description. He wanted them to treat the lost kindly. What did he say they themselves also were from time to time? (p. 45)._____

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, Volume 9, p.687.

It was out of God's mercy He saved us, and not out of our righteousness by works which we have done. It is through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord that we are regenerated by the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5). That being justified (cleared of all guilt) we should be made heirs of salvation through Christ according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:7).

CLOSING REMARKS AND CONCLUSION
(Titus 3:8-15)

Paul continues, " This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly (emphasize confidently), that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. (These things I have told you are all true. Insist on them so that Christians will be careful to do good deeds all the time, for this is not only right, but it brings results [Titus 3:8 LB]. Don't get involved in arguing over unanswerable questions and controversial theological ideas; keep out of arguments and quarrels about obedience to Jewish laws, for this kind of thing isn't worthwhile; it only does harm [Titus 3:9 LB]. If anyone is causing divisions among you, he should be given a first and second warning. After that have nothing more to do with him, for such a person has a wrong sense