

may be sound in faith? (Titus 1:13) _____

Jewish fables and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. Titus 1:14. Barclay suggests, “The great characteristic of the Jewish faith was it’s thousands of rules and regulations. This, that, and the next thing was branded as unclean; this, that and the next food was held to be taboo. When Judaism and Gnosticism joined hands even the body came unclean, and marriage and the natural instincts of the body were held to be evil. The inevitable results of this was that long lists were constantly being created. It became a sin to touch this or that; it became a sin to marry and beget children, Things that were either good in themselves or quite natural became defiled and polluted.” ¹

With such teaching of these false teachers to the Cretan Churches, there would be a reduction of Christianity. This is similar to what Paul denounced to the Colossians.

The local New Testament Church is a microcosm (miniature) of the complete body of Christ in heaven and earth. The word “church” is used over 100 times in the New Testament, and the great majority of the references refer to the local congregation. ²

3. Give the meaning of Titus 1:15,16. _____

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, Volume 9, pp. 672,673.

2. Note, The Open Bible, p. 1138.

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