

# A PLACE FOR PREACHING

Titus 1:1-5 (p. 1857)

May 12, 2019

*The reason I left you behind in Crete was  
that you might straighten out what was left unfinished  
and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.*

Titus 1:5

## Reading a personal letter

*Paul, a servant of God and apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect  
and the knowledge of truth that leads to godliness . . . .*

*To Titus, my true son in the faith: Grace and peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.*

Titus 1:1-4

- 1) CONTEXT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT (see Titus 1:5)
- 2) NARROW VS. "CHURCH MANUAL" HERMENEUTIC

## Four pages of Crete

*The reason I left you behind in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished  
and appoint elders in every town . . . .*

Titus 1:5

Page 1: BROKENNESS ON CRETE

Page 2: BROKENNESS IN THE WORLD

Page 3: GRACE ON CRETE (HOW GOD IS AT WORK)

Page 4: GRACE IN ANACORTES → HOW GOD IS AT WORK



## **Orthodoxy precedes orthopraxis**

*. . . for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness –  
a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life  
which God who does not lie promised before the beginning of time . . . .*

Titus 1:2

## **A word for Crete**

*. . . and at his appointed season he brought his word  
to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior.*

Titus 1:3

## **God's plan for Anacortes**

*This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things,  
so that those who have trusted in God may be careful  
to devote themselves to doing what is good.*

*These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.*

*But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies  
and arguments and quarrels about the law,  
because these are unprofitable and useless.*

Titus 3:8-9

1) DOING GOOD IS "GOSPEL" PROFITABLE

2) QUARRELS ARE NOT PROFITABLE!