

A PLACE FOR PREACHING

Titus 1:1-5 (p. 1857)

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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

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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!