

you, as do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers. ^{4:22}The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Paul's Letter to Titus

^{1:1}Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's chosen ones, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, ^{1:2}in hope of eternal life, which God, who can't lie, promised before time began; ^{1:3}but in his own time revealed his word in the message with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior; ^{1:4}to Titus, my true child according to a common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

^{1:5}I left you in Crete for this reason, that you would set in order the things that were lacking, and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you; ^{1:6}if anyone is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, who are not accused of loose or unruly behavior. ^{1:7}For the overseer must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-pleasing, not easily angered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for dishonest gain; ^{1:8}but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober minded, fair, holy, self-controlled; ^{1:9}holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict those who contradict him. ^{1:10}For there are also many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, ^{1:11}whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for dishonest gain's sake. ^{1:12}One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, and idle gluttons." ^{1:13}This testimony is true. For this cause, reprove them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ^{1:14}not paying attention to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. ^{1:15}To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. ^{1:16}They profess that they know God, but by their works they deny him, being abominable, disobedient, and unfit for any good work.

^{2:1}But say the things which fit sound doctrine, ^{2:2}that older men should be temperate, sensible, sober minded, sound in faith, in love, and in patience: ^{2:3}and that older women likewise be reverent in behavior, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; ^{2:4}that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ^{2:5}to be sober minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that God's word may not be blasphemed. ^{2:6}Likewise, exhort the younger men to be sober minded; ^{2:7}in all things showing yourself an example of good works; in your teaching showing integrity, seriousness, incorruptibility, ^{2:8}and soundness of speech that can't be condemned; that he who opposes you may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say about us. ^{2:9}Exhort servants to be in subjection to their own masters, and to be well-pleasing in all things; not contradicting; ^{2:10}not stealing, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God, our Savior, in all things. ^{2:11}For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ^{2:12}instructing us to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we would live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; ^{2:13}looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ; ^{2:14}who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify for himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good works. ^{2:15}Say these things and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no man despise you.

^{3:1}Remind them to be in subjection to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ^{3:2}to speak evil of no one, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing all humility toward all men. ^{3:3}For we were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. ^{3:4}But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love toward mankind appeared, ^{3:5}not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ^{3:6}whom he poured out on us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior; ^{3:7}that, being justified by his grace,

we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ^{3:8}This saying is faithful, and concerning these things I desire that you affirm confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men; ^{3:9}but shun foolish questionings, genealogies, strife, and disputes about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. ^{3:10}Avoid a factious man after a first and second warning; ^{3:11}knowing that such a one is perverted, and sins, being self-condemned.

^{3:12}When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me to Nicopolis, for I have determined to winter there. ^{3:13}Send Zenas, the lawyer, and Apollos on their journey speedily, that nothing may be lacking for them. ^{3:14}Let our people also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they may not be unfruitful.

^{3:15}All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Paul's Letter to Philemon

^{1:1}Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our beloved fellow worker, ^{1:2}to the beloved Apphia, to Archippus, our fellow soldier, and to the assembly in your house: ^{1:3}Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

^{1:4}I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, ^{1:5}hearing of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints; ^{1:6}that the fellowship of your faith may become effective, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in us in Christ Jesus. ^{1:7}For we have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

^{1:8}Therefore, though I have all boldness in Christ to command you that which is appropriate, ^{1:9}yet for love's sake I rather beg, being such a one as Paul, the aged, but also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. ^{1:10}I beg you for my child,

^a1:10 Onesimus means "useful."

whom I have become the father of in my chains, Onesimus,^a ^{1:11}who once was useless to you, but now is useful to you and to me. ^{1:12}I am sending him back. Therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, ^{1:13}whom I desired to keep with me, that on your behalf he might serve me in my chains for the Good News. ^{1:14}But I was willing to do nothing without your consent, that your goodness would not be as of necessity, but of free will. ^{1:15}For perhaps he was therefore separated from you for a while, that you would have him forever, ^{1:16}no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much rather to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

^{1:17}If then you count me a partner, receive him as you would receive me. ^{1:18}But if he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, put that to my account. ^{1:19}I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self besides). ^{1:20}Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in the Lord. ^{1:21}Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say.

^{1:22}Also, prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be restored to you.

^{1:23}Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, ^{1:24}as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. ^{1:25}The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.