

Titus
Lesson #8, Chapter 1:10-16

1. Explain how verses 10-16 fit into the flow of Chapter 1.
2. What words are used to describe the false teachers in verses 10-16?
3. What situation was Titus facing on Crete (verses 10-11)?
4. What tactics were the false teachers using to lead the people astray (verses 10-16)?
5. What kind of culture did the churches of Crete exist in the midst of (verse 12)?
6. Survey the books of 1 and 2 Timothy. Record your observations about false teachers—their methods, characteristics, consequences.
7. How was Titus to respond to the “rebellious men” (verses 11, 13-16)?
8. Define *reprove/rebuke* from verse 13.

9. From verse 13 what is the purpose of reproof? See also 2 Cor. 13:10; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 2:24-25.

10. One of the functions of elders is to protect the church from false teachers. *Why* is it necessary and *how* will they protect it? See Acts 20:28-31; Rom. 16:17-18; Titus 1:11, 13; 3:9-11.

11. What kinds of false teaching was the early church battling (2 Cor. 11:4; Gal. 1:6-10; 2:1-21; Col. 2:8-10, 16-23; Titus 1:14; 3:9)?

12. What kinds of false teaching is the church battling today? Have you experienced any repercussions from its influence?

13. What do we need to understand about false teachers (verses 15-16)?

14. What does it mean to be *defiled* (also translated *corrupt*) as used in verse 15?

15. Verse 15 may seem out of step with all that Paul has been saying in verses 10-14, but Paul is making a point and we need to figure it out! How do verses 10-14 lead into verse 15, which gives further clues about the false teaching being spread. (For help, look up the following verses for indications about the false teaching being spread: Matt. 15:11, 17-20; Luke 11:37-42; Col. 2:20-23; 1 Tim. 4:1-4).

16. What do you learn about the *pure* from verses 15-16?

17. Compare 1 Jn. 2:3-6 with verse 16. What observations can you make?

18. See 1 Sam. 15:22; Ps. 51:16-17; Is. 29:13; and 66:2; Titus 2:11-14. What do these verses teach us about walking with God?

19. As you think about your life, is there any area you are prone to give “lip service” to God?

20. Complete the following sentences to help summarize this week’s lesson:
False teachers are _____. Elders are to _____.
If you profess to know God, you had better _____.

21. Write out 3 or more things you can apply to your life from verses 10-16.

Charles Spurgeon made the following observation in his devotional, *Morning and Evening*:

“He shall save his people from their sins.” – Matthew 1:21

Many persons, if they are asked what they understand by salvation, will reply, “Being saved from hell and taken to heaven.” This is one result of salvation, but it is not one tith of what is contained in that boon. It is true our Lord Jesus Christ does redeem all his people from the wrath to come; he saves

them from the fearful condemnation which their sins had brought upon them; but his triumph is far more complete than this. He saves his people “from their sins.” Oh! sweet deliverance from our worst foes. Where Christ works a saving work, he casts Satan from his throne, and will not let him be master any longer. No man is a true Christian if sin reigns in his mortal body. Sin will be in us—it will never be utterly expelled till the spirit enters glory; but it will never have dominion. There will be a striving for dominion—a lusting against the new law and the new spirit which God has implanted—but sin will never get the upper hand so as to be absolute monarch of our nature. Christ will be Master of the heart, and sin must be mortified. The Lion of the tribe of Judah shall prevail, and the dragon shall be cast out. Professor! is sin subdued in you? If your life is unholy your heart is unchanged, and if your heart is unchanged you are an unsaved person. If the Saviour has not sanctified you, renewed you, given you a hatred of sin and a love of holiness, he has done nothing in you of a saving character. The grace which does not make a man better than others is a worthless counterfeit. Christ saves his people, not in their sins, but from them. “Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.” “Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” If not saved from sin, how shall we hope to be counted among his people? Lord, save me now from all evil, and enable me to honour my Saviour.