**The Pastoral Epistles of Paul**

**1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus**

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**The First Epistle of Paul to Timothy**

:1 Paul,

an apostle of Christ Jesus

according to the commandment

of God our Savior,

and of Christ Jesus,

who is our hope;

:2 to Timothy,

my true child in the faith:

Grace, mercy and peace

from God the Father

and Christ Jesus our Lord.

:3 As I urged you

upon my departure for Macedonia,

remain on at Ephesus,

in order that you may instruct certain men

not to teach strange doctrines,

:4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies,

which give rise to mere speculation

rather than furthering the administration of God

which is by faith.

:5 But the goal of our instruction is love

from a pure heart

and a good conscience

and a sincere faith.

:6 For some men,

straying from these things,

have turned aside to fruitless discussion,

:7 wanting to be teachers of the Law,

even though they do not understand

either what they are saying

or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

:8 But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully,

:9 realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous man,

but

for those who are lawless and rebellious,

for the ungodly and sinners,

for the unholy and profane,

for those who kill their fathers or mothers,

for murderers

:10 and immoral men

and homosexuals

and kidnappers

and liars and perjurers,

and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,

:11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God,

with which I have been entrusted.

:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord,

who has strengthened me,

because He considered me faithful,

putting me into service;

:13 even though I was formerly

a blasphemer

and a persecutor

and a violent aggressor.

And yet I was shown mercy,

because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

:14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant,

with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.

:15 It is a trustworthy statement,

deserving full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,

among whom I am foremost of all.

:16 And yet for this reason I found mercy,

in order that

in me as the foremost,

Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience,

as an example for those who would believe in Him for

eternal life.

:17 Now to the King

eternal,

immortal,

invisible,

the only God,

be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

:18 This command I entrust to you,

Timothy, my son,

in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you,

that

by them

you may fight the good fight,

:19 keeping faith and a good conscience,

which some have rejected

and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

:20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander,

whom I have delivered over to Satan,

so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

2:1 First of all, then, I urge that

entreaties

and prayers,

petitions

and thanksgivings,

be made on behalf of all men,

:2 for kings

and all who are in authority,

in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life

in all godliness and dignity.

:3 This is good and acceptable

in the sight of God our Savior,

:4 who desires all men to be saved

and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

:5 For there is one God,

and one mediator also between God and men,

the man Christ Jesus,

:6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all,

the testimony borne at the proper time.

:7 And for this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle

(I am telling the truth, I am not lying)

as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

:8 Therefore I want the men

in every place

to pray,

lifting up holy hands,

? without

wrath

and dissension.

:9 Likewise,

I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing,

modestly

and discreetly,

not with

braided hair

and gold

or pearls

or costly garments;

:10 but rather by means of good works,

as befits women making a claim to godliness.

:11 Let a woman

quietly

receive instruction

with entire submissiveness.

:12 But I do not allow a woman

to teach

or exercise authority over a man,

but to remain quiet.

:13 For it was Adam who was first created,

and then Eve.

:14 And it was not Adam who was deceived,

but the woman

being quite deceived,

fell into transgression.

:15 But women shall be preserved

through the bearing of children

if they continue

in faith

and love

and sanctity

with self-restraint.

3:1 It is a trustworthy statement:

if any man aspires to the office of overseer,

it is a fine work he desires to do.

:2 An overseer, then, must be

above reproach,

the husband of one wife,

temperate,

prudent,

respectable,

hospitable,

able to teach,

:3 not addicted to wine

or pugnacious,

but gentle,

uncontentious,

free from the love of money.

:4 He must be one who manages his own household well,

keeping his children under control with all dignity

:5 but if a man does not know how to manage his own household,

how will he take care of the church of God?);

:6 and not a new convert,

lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by

the devil.

:7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church,

so that he may not fall into reproach

and the snare of the devil.

:8 Deacons likewise must be men of

dignity,

not double-tongued,

or addicted to much wine

or fond of sordid gain,

:9 but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

:10 And let these also first be tested;

then let them serve as deacons

if they are beyond reproach.

:11 Women must likewise be

dignified,

not malicious gossips,

but temperate,

faithful in all things.

:12 Let deacons be husbands of only one wife,

and good managers of their children

and their own households.

:13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high

standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

:14 I am writing these things to you,

hoping to come to you before long;

:15 but in case I am delayed,

I write

so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself

in the household of God,

which is the church of the living God,

the pillar and support of the truth.

:16 And

by common confession

great is the mystery of godliness:

He who was revealed in the flesh,

Was vindicated in the Spirit,

Beheld by angels,

Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed on in the world,

Taken up in glory.

4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that

in later times

some will fall away from the faith,

paying attention to

deceitful spirits

and doctrines of demons,

:2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars

seared in their own conscience

as with a branding iron,

:3 men who forbid marriage

and advocate abstaining from foods,

which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who

believe and know the truth.

:4 For everything created by God is good,

and nothing is to be rejected,

if it is received with gratitude;

:5 for it is sanctified

by means of the word of God

and prayer.

:6 In pointing out these things to the brethren,

you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus,

constantly nourished

on the words of the faith

and of the sound doctrine

which you have been following.

:7 But have nothing to do with worldly fables

fit only for old women.

On the other hand,

discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

:8 for bodily discipline is only of little profit,

but godliness is profitable for all things,

since it holds promise

for the present life

and also for the life to come.

:9 It is a trustworthy statement

deserving full acceptance.

:10 For it is for this we labor and strive,

because we have fixed our hope on the living God,

who is the Savior of all men,

especially of believers.

:11 Prescribe and teach these things.

:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness,

but rather

in speech,

conduct,

love,

faith

and purity,

show yourself an example of those who believe.

:13 Until I come,

give attention

to the public reading of Scripture,

to exhortation and teaching.

:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you,

which was bestowed upon you

through prophetic utterance

with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

:15 Take pains with these things;

be absorbed in them,

so that your progress may be evident to all.

:16 Pay close attention

to yourself

and to your teaching;

persevere in these things;

for

as you do this

you will insure salvation

both for yourself

and for those who hear you.

5:1 Do not sharply rebuke an older man,

but rather appeal

to him as a father,

to the younger men as brothers,

:2 the older women as mothers,

and the younger women as sisters,

in all purity.

:3 Honor widows who are widows indeed;

:4 but if any widow has

children

or grandchildren,

let them first learn to practice piety

in regard to their own family,

and to make some return to their parents;

for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

:5 Now she

who is a widow indeed,

and who has been left alone

has fixed her hope on God,

and continues

in entreaties

and prayers night and day.

:6 But she

who gives herself to wanton pleasure

is dead even while she lives.

:7 Prescribe these things as well,

so that they may be above reproach.

:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own,

and especially for those of his household,

he has denied the faith,

and is worse than an unbeliever.

:9 Let a widow be put on the list only if

she is not less than sixty years old,

having been the wife of one man,

:10 having a reputation for good works;

and if she has brought up children,

if she has shown hospitality to strangers,

if she has washed the saints' feet,

if she has assisted those in distress,

and if she has devoted herself to every good work.

:11 But refuse to put younger widows on the list,

for

when they feel sensual desires

in disregard of Christ,

they want to get married,

:12 thus incurring condemnation,

because they have set aside their previous pledge.

:13 And at the same time they also learn to be idle,

as they go around from house to house;

and not merely idle,

but also gossips and busybodies,

talking about things not proper to mention.

:14 Therefore,

I want younger widows

to get married,

bear children,

keep house,

and give the enemy no occasion for reproach;

:15 for some have already turned aside to follow Satan.

:16 If any woman

who is a believer

has dependent widows,

let her assist them,

and let not the church be burdened,

so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.

:17 Let the elders

who rule well

be considered worthy of double honor,

especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

:18 For the Scripture says,

"You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,"

and

"The laborer is worthy of his wages."

:19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder

except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

:20 Those who continue in sin,

rebuke in the presence of all,

so that the rest also may be fearful of sinning.

:21 I solemnly charge you

in the presence of

God

and of Christ Jesus

and of His chosen angels,

to maintain these principles without bias,

doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.

:22 Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily

and thus share responsibility for the sins of others;

keep yourself free from sin.

:23 No longer drink water exclusively,

but use a little wine

for the sake of your stomach

and your frequent ailments.

:24 The sins of some men are quite evident,

going before them to judgment;

for others, their sins follow after.

:25 Likewise also,

deeds that are good are quite evident,

and those which are otherwise cannot be concealed.

6:1 Let all who are under the yoke as slaves regard their own masters as worthy of all honor

so that

the name of God

and our doctrine

may not be spoken against.

:2 And let those who have believers as their masters not be disrespectful to

them because they are brethren,

but let them serve them all the more,

because those who partake of the benefit are believers and beloved.

Teach and preach these principles.

:3 If anyone advocates a different doctrine,

and does not agree

with sound words,

those of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and with the doctrine conforming to godliness,

:4 he is conceited and understands nothing;

but he has a morbid interest

in controversial questions

and disputes about words,

out of which arise

envy,

strife,

abusive language,

evil suspicions,

:5 and constant friction

between men of

depraved mind

and deprived of the truth,

who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

:6 But godliness actually is a means of great gain,

when accompanied by contentment.

:7 For we have brought nothing into the world,

so we cannot take anything out of it either.

:8 And if we have food and covering,

with these we shall be content.

:9 But those who want to get rich fall into

temptation

and a snare

and many foolish and harmful desires

which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

:10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil,

and some

by longing for it

have wandered away from the faith,

and pierced themselves with many a pang.

:11 But flee from these things, you man of God;

and pursue

righteousness,

godliness,

faith,

love,

perseverance

and gentleness.

:12 Fight the good fight of faith;

take hold of the eternal life

to which you were called,

and you made the good confession

in the presence of many witnesses.

:13 I charge you

in the presence

of God,

who gives life to all things,

and of Christ Jesus,

who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

:14 that you keep the commandment

without stain or reproach

until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

:15 which He will bring about at the proper time --

He who is the blessed and only Sovereign,

the King of kings and Lord of lords;

:16 who alone possesses immortality

and dwells in unapproachable light;

whom no man has seen or can see.

To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

:17 Instruct those who are rich

in this present world

not to be conceited

or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches,

but on God,

who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

:18 Instruct them

to do good,

to be rich in good works,

to be generous

and ready to share,

:19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future,

so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

:20 O Timothy,

guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding

worldly and empty chatter

and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"

:21 which some have professed

and thus gone astray from the faith.

Grace be with you.

**The Second Epistle of Paul to Timothy**

:1 Paul,

an apostle of Christ Jesus

by the will of God,

according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus,

:2 to Timothy,

my beloved son:

Grace, mercy and peace

from God the Father

and Christ Jesus our Lord.

:3 I thank God,

whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did,

as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,

:4 longing to see you,

even as I recall your tears,

so that I may be filled with joy.

:5 ? For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you,

which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois,

and your mother Eunice,

and I am sure that it is in you as well.

:6 And

for this reason

I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God

which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity,

but of power and love and discipline.

:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord,

or of me His prisoner;

but join with me in suffering for the gospel

according to the power of God,

:9 who has saved us,

and called us

with a holy calling,

not according to our works,

but according to His own purpose and grace

which was granted us

in Christ Jesus

from all eternity,

:10 but now has been revealed

by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,

who abolished death,

and brought life and immortality to light

through the gospel,

:11 for which I was appointed

a preacher

and an apostle

and a teacher.

:12 ? For this reason I also suffer these things,

but I am not ashamed;

for I know whom I have believed

and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

:13 Retain the standard of sound words

which you have heard from me,

in the faith and love

which are in Christ Jesus.

:14 Guard,

through the Holy Spirit

who dwells in us,

the treasure

which has been entrusted to you.

:15 You are aware of the fact that all who are in Asia turned away from me,

among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

:16 The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus

for he often refreshed me,

and was not ashamed of my chains;

:17 but

when he was in Rome,

he eagerly searched for me,

and found me--

:18 the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day --

and you know very well what services he rendered at Ephesus.

2:1 You therefore, my son,

be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

:2 And the things

which you have heard from me

in the presence of many witnesses,

these entrust to faithful men,

who will be able to teach others also.

:3 Suffer hardship with me,

as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

:4 No soldier

in active service

entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life,

so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

:5 And also

if anyone competes as an athlete,

he does not win the prize

unless he competes according to the rules.

:6 The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the

crops.

:7 Consider what I say,

for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

:8 Remember Jesus Christ,

risen from the dead,

descendant of David,

according to my gospel,

:9 for which I suffer hardship

even to imprisonment as a criminal;

but the word of God is not imprisoned.

:10 ? For this reason I endure all things

for the sake of those who are chosen,

that they also may obtain the salvation

which is in Christ Jesus

and with it eternal glory.

:11 It is a trustworthy statement:

For if we died with Him,

we shall also live with Him;

:12 If we endure,

we shall also reign with Him;

If we deny Him,

He also will deny us;

:13 If we are faithless,

He remains faithful;

for He cannot deny Himself.

:14 Remind them of these things,

and solemnly charge them

in the presence of God

not to wrangle about words,

which is useless,

and leads to the ruin of the hearers.

:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God

as a workman

who does not need to be ashamed,

handling accurately the word of truth.

:16 But avoid worldly and empty chatter,

for it will lead to further ungodliness,

:17 and their talk will spread like gangrene.

Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

:18 men who have gone astray from the truth

saying that the resurrection has already taken place,

and thus they upset the faith of some.

:19 Nevertheless,

the firm foundation of God stands,

having this seal,

"The Lord knows those who are His,"

and,

"Let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness."

:20 Now

in a large house

there are not only gold and silver vessels,

but also vessels of wood and of earthenware,

and some to honor

and some to dishonor.

:21 Therefore,

if a man cleanses himself from these things,

he will be a vessel for honor,

sanctified,

useful to the Master,

prepared for every good work.

:22 Now flee from youthful lusts,

and pursue

righteousness,

faith,

love

and peace,

with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

:23 But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations,

knowing that they produce quarrels.

:24 And the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome,

but be kind to all,

able to teach,

patient when wronged,

:25 with gentleness

correcting those who are in opposition,

if perhaps God may grant them repentance

leading to the knowledge of the truth,

:26 and they may come to their senses

and escape from the snare of the devil,

having been held captive by him to do his will.

3:1 But realize this,

that in the last days difficult times will come.

:2 For men will be

lovers of self,

lovers of money,

boastful,

arrogant,

revilers,

disobedient to parents,

ungrateful,

unholy,

:3 unloving,

irreconcilable,

malicious gossips,

without self-control,

brutal,

haters of good,

:4 treacherous,

reckless,

conceited,

lovers of pleasure

rather than lovers of God;

:5 holding to a form of godliness,

although they have denied its power;

and avoid such men as these.

:6 For among them are those who enter into households

and captivate weak women

weighed down with sins,

led on by various impulses,

:7 always learning

and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

:8 And

just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses,

so these men also oppose the truth,

men of depraved mind,

rejected as regards the faith.

:9 But they will not make further progress;

for their folly will be obvious to all,

as also that of those two came to be.

:10 But you followed my

teaching,

conduct,

purpose,

faith,

patience,

love,

perseverance,

:11 persecutions,

and sufferings,

such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra;

what persecutions I endured,

and out of them all the Lord delivered me!

:12 And indeed,

all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

:13 But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse,

deceiving

and being deceived.

:14 You, however,

continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of,

knowing from whom you have learned them;

:15 and that

from childhood

you have known the sacred writings

which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation

through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

:16 All Scripture is inspired by God

and profitable

for teaching,

for reproof,

for correction,

for training in righteousness;

:17 that the man of God may be

adequate,

equipped for every good work.

4:1 I solemnly charge you

in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,

who is to judge the living and the dead,

and by His appearing and His kingdom:

:2 preach the word;

be ready in season and out of season;

reprove,

rebuke,

exhort,

with great patience

and instruction.

:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;

but

wanting to have their ears tickled,

they will accumulate

for themselves

teachers

in accordance to their own desires;

:4 and will turn away their ears from the truth,

and will turn aside to myths.

:5 But you,

be sober in all things,

endure hardship,

do the work of an evangelist,

fulfill your ministry.

:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering,

and the time of my departure has come.

:7 I have fought the good fight,

I have finished the course,

I have kept the faith;

:8 in the future

there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness,

which the Lord,

the righteous Judge,

will award to me on that day;

and not only to me,

but also to all who have loved His appearing.

:9 Make every effort to come to me soon;

:10 for Demas,

having loved this present world,

has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica;

Crescens has gone to Galatia,

Titus to Dalmatia.

:11 Only Luke is with me.

Pick up Mark and bring him with you,

for he is useful to me for service.

:12 But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

:13 When you come

bring the cloak

which I left at Troas with Carpus,

and the books,

especially the parchments.

:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm;

the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

:15 Be on guard against him yourself,

for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

:16 At my first defense no one supported me,

but all deserted me;

may it not be counted against them.

:17 But the Lord stood with me,

and strengthened me,

in order that

through me

the proclamation might be fully accomplished,

and that all the Gentiles might hear;

and I was delivered out of the lion's mouth.

:18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed,

and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom;

to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

:19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

:20 Erastus remained at Corinth,

but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

:21 Make every effort to come before winter.

Eubulus greets you,

also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

:22 The Lord be with your spirit.

Grace be with you.

**The Epistle of Paul to Titus**

:1 Paul,

a bond-servant of God,

and an apostle of Jesus Christ,

for the faith of those chosen of God

and the knowledge of the truth

which is according to godliness,

:2 in the hope of eternal life,

which God,

who cannot lie,

promised long ages ago,

:3 but at the proper time manifested, *even* His word,

in the proclamation

with which I was entrusted

according to the commandment of God our Savior;

:4 to Titus,

my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace

from God the Father

and Christ Jesus our Savior.

:5 For this reason I left you in Crete,

that you might

set in order what remains,

and appoint elders

in every city

as I directed you,

:6 *namely*,

if any man be above reproach,

the husband of one wife,

having children who believe,

not accused of dissipation

or rebellion.

:7 For the overseer must be above reproach

as God's steward,

not self-willed,

not quick-tempered,

not addicted to wine,

not pugnacious,

not fond of sordid gain,

:8 but hospitable,

loving what is good,

sensible,

just,

devout,

self-controlled,

:9 holding fast the faithful word

which is in accordance with the teaching,

that he may be able both

to exhort in sound doctrine

and to refute those who contradict.

:10 For there are many

rebellious men,

empty talkers

and deceivers,

especially those of the circumcision,

:11 who must be silenced

because they are upsetting whole families,

teaching things they should not *teach*,

for the sake of sordid gain.

:12 One of themselves,

a prophet of their own, said,

"Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

:13 This testimony is true.

For this cause reprove them severely

that they may be sound in the faith,

:14 not paying attention

to Jewish myths

and commandments of men

who turn away from the truth.

: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.

:16 They profess to know God,

but

by *their* deeds

they deny *Him*,

being detestable

and disobedient,

and worthless for any good deed.

2:1 But as for you,

speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

:2 Older men are to be

temperate,

dignified,

sensible,

sound

in faith,

in love,

in perseverance.

:3 Older women likewise are to be

reverent in their behavior,

not malicious gossips,

nor enslaved to much wine,

teaching what is good,

:4 that they may encourage the young women

to love their husbands,

to love their children,

:5 *to be*

sensible,

pure,

workers at home,

kind,

being subject to their own husbands,

that the word of God may not be dishonored.

:6 Likewise urge the young men to be

sensible;

:7 in all things

show yourself to be an example of

good deeds,

*with* purity in doctrine,

dignified,

:8 sound *in* speech

which is beyond reproach,

in order that the opponent may be put to shame,

having nothing bad to say about us.

:9 *Urge* bondslaves

to be subject to their own masters

in everything,

to be well-pleasing,

not argumentative,

:10 not pilfering,

but showing all good faith

that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior

in every respect.

:11 For the grace of God has appeared,

bringing salvation to all men,

:12 instructing us to deny

ungodliness

and worldly desires

and to live

sensibly,

righteously

and godly

in the present age,

:13 looking for

the blessed hope

and the appearing of the glory

of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

:14 who gave Himself for us,

that He might redeem us

from every lawless deed

and purify

for Himself

a people for His own possession,

zealous for good deeds.

:15 These things

speak

and exhort

and reprove

with all authority.

Let no one disregard you.

3:1 Remind them

to be subject

to rulers,

to authorities,

to be obedient,

to be ready for every good deed,

:2 to malign no one,

to be uncontentious,

gentle,

showing every consideration for all men.

:3 For we also once were foolish ourselves,

disobedient,

deceived,

enslaved to various lusts and pleasures,

spending our life in malice

and envy,

hateful,

hating one another.

:4 But

when the kindness of God our Savior

and *His* love for mankind appeared,

:5 He saved us,

not on the basis of deeds

which we have done in righteousness,

but according to His mercy,

by the washing of regeneration

and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

:6 whom He poured out upon us richly

through Jesus Christ our Savior,

:7 that

being justified by His grace

we might be made heirs

according to *the* hope of eternal life.

:8 This is a trustworthy statement;

and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently,

so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds.

These things are good and profitable for men.

:9 But shun

foolish controversies

and genealogies

and strife

and disputes about the Law;

for they are unprofitable and worthless.

:10 Reject a factious man

after a first and second warning,

:11 knowing that such a man is perverted

and is sinning,

being self-condemned.

:12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you,

make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis,

for I have decided to spend the winter there.

:13 Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way

so that nothing is lacking for them.

:14 And let our *people* also learn

to engage in good deeds

to meet pressing needs,

that they may not be unfruitful.

:15 All who are with me greet you.

Greet those who love us in *the* faith.

Grace be with you all.