

“DILIGENT DISCIPLINES THAT FOLLOW GRACE”

Titus 3:9 – 15

<i>1. AVOID WORTHLESS DISPUTES</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>2. REJECT A FACTIOUS MAN</i>	<i>10, 11</i>
<i>3. BE DILIGENT IN MINISTRY</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>4. BE DILIGENT IN SUPPORT</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>5. ENGAGE IN GOOD DEEDS</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>6. GRACE TO THE SAINTS</i>	<i>15</i>

Paul wrote Titus to set things in order in the churches of Crete. This involved appointing godly leadership, who would teach the sound doctrine of grace, which would lead to a sound living.

Titus has been called the “Epistle of Good Works.” Paul taught that good works cannot save or justify anyone; we are saved by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. But his main point in this letter, though, is that those who are justified should produce good works! Grace is the cause of new life; good works are the fruit.

The key verse may be 2:11, 12: *“For the grace of God has appeared, bring salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.” (NASB)*

In this concluding section, Paul gives pastoral counsel. Grace brings the new life, but the new life is to be lived with diligence, discipline and responsibility.