The Epistle of Paul to Titus



Chapter 1

Verses 1-3

{1:1} Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;
{1:2} In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;
{1:3} But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

The elect are inextricably linked to faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.

In Matthew we read following

{24:22} And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the **elect's** sake those days shall be shortened.

{24:24} For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very **elect**. {24:31} And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his **elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Luke chapter 13 speaks also about the same elect as mentioned in Matthew. In Mark as well as in John the word 'elect' is not mentioned. Here we see the elect in the 70th week Daniel spoke about, after the Pre-trib rapture.

Romans {8:32} He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? {8:33} Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's **elect**? [It is] God that justifieth.

Colossians {3:12} Put on therefore, as the **elect** of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

2 Timothy {2:10} Therefore I endure all things for the **elect's** sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

1 Peter {1:1} Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, {1:2} **Elect** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus

Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

All elect mentioned here contain all elect, who died in faith, who live in faith before the 70th week of Daniel and who come to faith during the 70th week of Daniel.

God knows the elect before we even were born. <u>In hope</u> we all live to receive eternal life, promised by God. Paul states that God cannot lie, so that promise is a certainty.



This Hope is nothing to be insecure about, read Hebrews:

*{*11:1*}* Now faith is the substance of things **hoped for,** the evidence of things not seen.

Verses 4-16

{1:4} To Titus, [mine] own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

{1:5} For this cause left I thee in Crete, **that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:**

{1:6} If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

{1:7} For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

{1:8} But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

(1:9) Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

*{*1:10*}* For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, **specially they of the** *circumcision:*

{1:11} Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

{1:12} One of themselves, [even] a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians [are] alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

*{*1:13*} This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; {*1:14*}* **Not giving heed to Jewish fables**, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. *{*1:15*} Unto the pure all things [are] pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving [is] nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.*

{1:16} They profess that they know God; **but in works they deny [him,] being abominable, and disobedient**, and unto every good work reprobate.

Titus received the task from Paul in Crete to choose elders. He gives us clear information about the characteristics of an elder inside a minestry. He also warns there are many deceivers, especially the Jews who called the Cretians liars and evil beasts. The unfaithful Jews, I mean the Jews who reject their Messiah, turn people away from the truth. In their deeds they give us evidence they do deny God.

Chapter 2



Verses 1-6

{2:1} But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

{2:2} That the aged men b**e sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.** *{2:3}* The aged women likewise, that [they be] in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

{2:4} That they may teach the young women to be **sober**, to love their husbands, to love their children,

{2:5} [To be] discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

{2:6} Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

Paul tells us how to speak and three times Paul mentions the word 'sober' in these verses. Sober means that we are satisfied with all we got and do not need more than that. Of course, because everything above sober means we answer according to our desires from the flesh wanting more and more. Spiritually sober (sober minded in verse 6) is very important because the spirit must be stronger than our body.

Verses 7-15

{2:7} In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine [shewing] uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

{2:8} Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

{2:9} [Exhort] servants to be obedient unto their own masters, [and] to please [them] well in all [things;] not answering again;

{2:10} Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our

Saviour in all things.

{2:11} For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, {2:12} Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

{2:13} Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

{2:14} Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

{2:15} These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.



Gods' grace brings salvation to everyone. We are nothing and we can not earn Gods' grace by doing good deeds. We do good deeds out of Gods' grace. And Gods' grace gives us Faith. Read following:

James {2:17} Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. {2:18} Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, **and I will shew thee my faith by my works**.

<u>Verse 13</u> contains so much information. The New World Translation from Jehovah Witnesses tells us that the Word was <u>A</u> God in the opening verse of the gospel John. Here we read very clear: the glorious appearing of <u>THE</u> great God and Savior Jesus Christ. One God, One Being, revealing Himself into the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

People who do not believe in a <u>Pre-Trib-Rapture</u> : we read:looking for a <u>GLORIOUS APPEARING</u> ! We, true believers, look forward to the appearing of our Savior in full glory. We are happy because if we see Jesus we will join Him and be with Him in eternity. That is my personal greatest moment I look forward to and which can happen at any moment in time. That brings us joy ! Do I look forward to meet the Beast and the false prophet ? No, of course not, because that will be a horrifying period of Gods' wrath. <u>My destination is Heaven</u>.

1 Thessalonians {1:10} And **to wait for his Son from heaven**, whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, **which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

John {14:1} Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. {14:2} In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. {14:3} And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.

It is a shame that people teach a Mid or Post-trib Rapture where we, true believers should be on earth during the 70th week of Daniel where God will reveal the truth to His people Israel and the rest of the world.

We know the truth as true believers and we do not wait for the true Messiah to come because we know Jesus already. God will send a false Messiah whom Israel will believe. It makes no sense to us, the 7 year period because the Gods' purpose for that 70th week is not mentioned for us, true believers. We are saved from His wrath to come as we just read in 1 Thessalonians 10.



Next question: where is the Fathers' House ? Answer: In heaven of course. Where does Jesus prepare a place for us ? Answer: In the Fathers' House in heaven. Jesus Himself told us He comes again and receive us personally !

1 Thessalonians {4:17} Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be **caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord. {4:18} Wherefore **comfort one another with these words.**

So where do we meet Jesus ? In the air ! If Jesus comes to receive us in the air and goes back with us on earth right away to battle, we will not see the place prepared for us in heaven and we are not where Jesus is.

Back to John 14 again: I do this because it is such an important verse !

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verse 1: don't worry (1 Thess 4:17 we read: comfort one another)
verse 2: Jesus tells us the reason why we should not worry and mentions His Fathers' House. Also

Jesus says: if not so......<u>I would have told you</u>, so actually Jesus gives an extra security it is true ! He goes to prepare a place for us: where ? In heaven !

- verse 3: and <u>IF I GO</u>where did Jesus go to ? Heaven, back to the Father ! He prepares a place. Where ? As He mentions in verse 2: His Fathers' House in heaven.

Jesus comes again to receive us <u>PERSONALLY</u>. So we, true believers, will personally meet Jesus, He receives us unto Himself.

And then Jesus says: THAT WHERE I AM...... where is he ? How can people ignore verse 2 which tells us the setting of verse 3. Jesus is in Heaven of course, where His Fathers' House is situated. And we may be there also !



Then one important verse about a <u>GLORIOUS APPEARING</u> ! Please read following in the <u>Book of Revelation</u>:

{1:7} Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. {1:8} I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

So Paul speaks about a GLORIOUS APPEARING in verse 13 in Titus which starts off with <u>'Looking for</u> <u>that blessed hope'</u>. Hope is positive, something we know to look forward to. Glorious is amazing, a very positive appearing.

Now back to revelation 1:7: 'and <u>ALL</u> kindreds of the earth shall <u>WAIL'</u>! Well isn't that very <u>SAD</u> <u>NEWS</u> about Jesus to come here on earth. Is that what we are looking forward to ? You see ? Revelation 1:7 is about the non believers, who did not accept the TRUTH about Gods'plan with us human beings through His beloved Son Jesus Christ our ONLY Savior.

Chapter 3

Verse 1-6

{3:1} Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

{3:2} To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, [but] gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

{3:3} For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, [and] hating one another.

{3:4} But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

{3:5} Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
{3:6} Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Paul tells us to obey in every way the human legal authorities and we can not be blamed for anything. Also Paul writes that we all are sinners and did stupid things before. In verse 4 and 5, again, we see that we can never earn justice ! Justice is a GIFT from God.

Ask a believer, whatever he or she believes about the <u>Holy Spirit</u>, who is the <u>ONLY</u> possibility to be a Reborn person ! In Islam for example, there is no Holy Spirit. And the second question could be: how do you receive the Holy Spirit ?

In verse 6 the answer: through Jesus !

Verse 7-15

{3:7} That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

{3:8} [This is] a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

 $\{3:9\}$ But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

{3:10} A man that is an *heretick* after the first and second admonition reject;

{3:11} Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

{3:12} When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

{3:13} Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

{3:14} And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

{3:15} All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace [be] with you all. Amen.

Again it is a free gift from God: justified by <u>HIS</u> grace. And what is our reward: <u>ETERNAL LIFE</u>. Faith is our evidence. Foolish questions are questions against God and not questions about God getting to know Him better. Same with genealogies, contentions and strivings about the Law. On the internet we can find so many information that wants to prove that the Bible is incorrect. Especially about genealogy. Strivings about the Law my advise is simple: read Hebrews and it tells you all about the old and new covenant. Read Romans to understand the Law and the works of the Law. Let us stick to Titus for now.

Paul tells us also that there are people who heard the truth several times and still rejects, he has been his own judge. It is his or her own decision to reject and choose for something that is far from the true Faith.

Non believers, be warned !

Matthew {10:27} What I tell you in darkness, [that] speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, [that] preach ye upon the housetops. {10:28} And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: **but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell**.

Mattew {23:33} [Ye] serpents, [ye] generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of

hell?



Serpent is satan, the one who brought sin into this wold through Eve. Jesus uses the plural form: serpants, in other words, all who obey the deceiver of this world. And who are these people ? All people who do not believe the Truth about Jesus Christ our only savior and way to the Father.

My prayers are with all people on earth to come to Faith in Jesus.

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