

From Chaos to Christ-like

Who Wrote it?

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect . . .

The Apostle Paul

- Born a Jew and a Roman Citizen
- Trained as a _____
- A Pharisee by Choice
- Convert to Christianity in 34AD
- Joins Church in Antioch in 47AD
- 3 or 4 Missionary Journeys to _____
- Writes to Titus in 62AD

Who's it Written to?

⁴To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Titus

- A Greek
- Converted to Christianity by _____ on the first missionary journey
- Travels with Paul on second and third missionary journey
- Present with Paul at Jerusalem Counsel
- Becomes Paul's trouble _____
- Left behind in Crete to finish the work

Purpose of the

Letter?

- Organize Christians into churches with qualified leaders

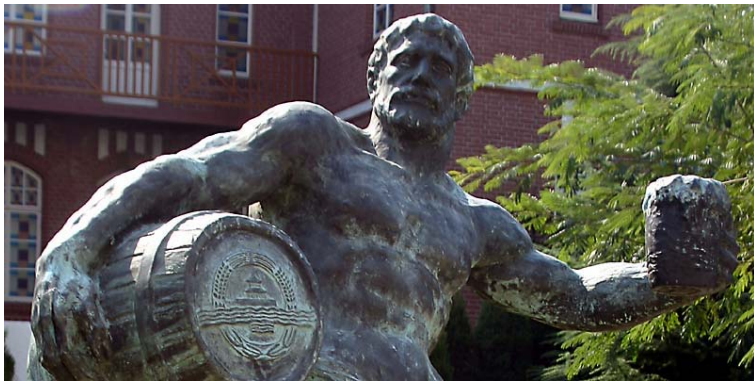
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Island of Crete

The Island of Ebenezer Scrooge

- Making and hording money any way possible was the only civic _____
- Famous for "Teachers for Profit"
- Dionysus – Greek god of wine
 - "Twice Born"





The Greek God Dionysus

- Confused with _____
- **Jewish Believers focused on Law and Gnosticism**

Cretan Issues

Who is causing trouble?

- **Rebellious People**
- **Mere Talkers**
- **Circumcision Group**

What trouble where they causing?

- **Teaching for dishonest gain**
- **Spreading Jewish myths**

Titus Sent to Instruct

Titus 1:5, 10 - 16

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

¹⁰For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. ¹¹They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain. ¹²Even one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." ¹³This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith ¹⁴and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth. ¹⁵To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. ¹⁶They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

PAUL'S TIMELINE

Paul's Letters	AD	Paul's Life
	2	Born
	34	Paul's Conversion
	46	Paul goes to Antioch
	47	
	48	1st Journey
Galatians	49	Jerusalem Council
	50	
	51	Paul in Philippi
1&2 Thessalonians	52	2nd Journey
	53	
	54	
	55	
	56	3rd Journey
Romans	57	Arrested in Jerusalem
	58	Imprisoned in Caesarea
	59	
Philemon	60	In custody in Rome for trial
Col., Eph.	61	
Phil., 1 Tim., Titus	62	Released from Prison
	63	
	64	
2 Timothy, Hebrews	64	
	65	
	66	Nero Martyr's Paul in Rome