

**Titus;
What A
Mess!**

6-21-15

Titus 1:12–13 (ESV)

¹² One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”

¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

Through the mercy of God, forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, God moves into the cesspool of this world and rescues people. God transforms us and teaches us about Himself. This process is often a bumpy and difficult road to learn all the lessons God has for us. Therefore, when people receive Christ and come into the church, problems come with them.

1 Corinthians 5:1 (ESV)

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of **a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans**, for a man has his father’s wife.

God reveals to us those things that are not in accordance with HIS perfection and righteousness.

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

God makes it clear that only Jesus Christ's saving touch qualifies us to have eternal life with God. He forgives and transforms.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)

And such were some of you. But **you were washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the **Lord Jesus Christ** and **by the Spirit of our God**.

In the learning process in this life, God established the community of the church for us to grow together and encourage one another.

Titus 1:5 (ESV)

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into **order**, and **appoint elders** in every town as I directed you.

Titus 1:6–9 (ESV)

⁶ if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. ⁷ For an **overseer**, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, ⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. ⁹ **He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.**

Main point of “as taught” is standing on the Scriptures that we are forgiven through Christ. However as a practical matter the “as taught” means to submit to the godly authority of the church we attend. “As” – according to; after the manner.

As a called out people of God, we are to present our bodies to Christ and represent HIM.

Romans 12:1 (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies** as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

In doing this, we are to have a heavenly focus and renew our minds to think like God thinks and experience HIS will.

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by **the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Bottom line, you here at BCC! You are not Cretans. You are well taught, Spirit filled people of God. Therefore, each of you is fully capable to minister to anyone God brings across your path. You are fully capable to minister to the 20 new couples that we are expecting God to bring into this body.

I speak with the same passion as the Apostle Paul:

Romans 15:14 (ESV)

I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

Last week was a commissioning!

The Wagon – Boldness

Salvation – Forgiven

Holy Spirit – God in me

Freedom – Nothing separates me from God and God empowers me

Your story

Your verse

You have authority and power

The Truth

1 Corinthians 6:9 (ESV)

The **unrighteous** will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Truth

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become **the righteousness of God**.

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