

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS

LESSON 2

TITUS 2:1-15

WEEK OF JUNE 1 – JUNE 6

RIGHT DOCTRINE PRODUCES RIGHTEOUS LIVING

In Titus Chapter 2, Paul describes the character and conduct of the believer living a life consistent with sound doctrine. The actions, attitudes and conduct of holy living Paul describes in chapter 2 for believers of all ages and walks of life provides an effective witness to unbelievers. In this chapter Paul calls believers to lead lives for the purpose of showing sinners in a dark culture the power and joy of salvation demonstrated by their transformed lives.

Read Titus 2:1-10. Godly character and actions “adorn” sound doctrine

1. Paul begins chapter 2 with the phrase “But as for you” which marks a contrast between the false teachers described in chapter 1 with the instruction in Chapter 2. What is Paul's instruction in **Titus 2:1**?

“Things which are fitting” (NASB) *“things which are proper”* (LSB) means attitudes or actions that are based upon, appropriate to or in accordance with sound biblical truth.

Paul begins with exhortation and instruction to older men and older women. Older is generally accepted by Bible scholars to be 60 or over.

2. From **Titus 2:2**, describe each of the character qualities, actions and attitudes of the older men which mark a life lived consistent with sound doctrine.
3. For the older women, how is doctrinally sound conduct, actions, or behaviors described in **Titus 2:3**?
4. **Titus 2:4** begins with “*so that*” (NASB and LSB) which is the first of four purpose clauses in chapter 2 (vs.4, 5, 8 and 10). How are the godly, older women instructed to encourage the younger women in **Titus 2:4-5**? What is the purpose in **verse 5(b)** of the conduct and actions of the younger women leading lives obedient to the instruction of God's Word?
5. **Titus 2:6-8** is directed to the young men. Describe each of the attitudes or actions that characterize a life lived consistently with scripture. In **Titus 2:8(b)** what is the purpose of the instruction to the young men?

“The world judges the gospel, which is the heart of the word of God, by the character of the people who believe and claim to be transformed by it. The 19th century German philosopher Heinrich Heine said, ‘Show me your redeemed life and I might be inclined to believe in your Redeemer.’”

New Testament commentary Titus, J. MacArthur, p.88.

6. **Titus 2:9-10** is directed at the slaves (or in our day, employees). What are the actions and attitudes of the slave who is striving to “adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in everything” (LSB) “in every respect”? (NASB)?

Read Titus 2:11-15.

7. How does Paul describe God’s saving work in **Titus 2:11**?

Paul is not teaching universalism in verse 11. “All men” refers to humanity in general, as a category not to every individual. Jesus Christ made a sufficient sacrifice to cover every sin of everyone who believes. Paul makes clear in the opening words of this letter to Titus that salvation becomes effective only through “the faith of those chosen of God.” (Titus 1:11) Out of all humanity only those who believe will be saved.”

MacArthur Study Bible, footnote, Titus 2:11.

8. After a person is redeemed and regenerated at the time of salvation, what instruction does the Lord provide for the believer in **Titus 2:12-13**?
9. In **Titus 2:14(a)**, how is salvation described?
10. How is sanctification described in **Titus 2:14(b)**?
11. How does Paul conclude his instruction to Titus in **Titus 2:15**? How is that like his opening instruction in **Titus 2:1**?
12. After studying and meditating upon this passage, what action or steps will you take to lead a life that “adorns the doctrine of God our Savior in everything”?

“The only platform from which Christians are to so preach and witness is a transformed life marked by godly virtue.” New Testament Commentary Titus, J. MacArthur, p.90.