

# Titus 3:9-15 Concluding Directions

v.1 Remind them to be **subject** to rulers.

v.1 Be ready for every **good deed**.

v.2 Malign no one, be **uncontentious**.

v.5 Are saved by Washing of **Regeneration**.



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Titus 3:9 Shun foolish

## CONTROVERSY

And genealogies and strife and *disputes about the Law*; for they are *unprofitable and worthless*.

Highest order of **angels** were created circumcised.

Dead Jewish bodies roll back in underground **tunnels** to be resurrected in Jerusalem. Talmud

The righteous will be brought back from dead wearing the **clothes** in which they were buried. Talmud

At the time of the resurrection, the individual soul will be reincarnated and **split** among the various bodies it once inhabited. Jewish Mysticism

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Titus 3:10 **Reject a factious** man after a **first & second warning,**



**Reject:** “To shun” Thayer “To refuse to accept into association.” Louw (1 Cor 5:9-11; 2 Thes 3:6-11; Mat 18:15-17)

**A factious Man:** [Haire-ti-kon]  
“**A person who causes divisions**” Louw  
**This guy divides the church.**

**Warning:** [Nouthesian] “Admonition” Thayer Refutation of error and reasons for opposition. (cf Vines; 1 Tim 3:16)


If after the 1st & 2nd admonition a man who is undoubtedly doing wrong & will not repent, then he is to be cut off. Barnes

One may repent of a personal sin many times (Mt 18:22).  
One threatens a congregation must be sent away the 3<sup>rd</sup> time

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Titus 3:11 **Reject**... knowing that such a man is **perverted** and is **sinning**, being **self-condemned**.

So **don't** feel overly & unscripturally sympathetic for them !

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- 1. Perverted** “**Corrupt**” *Louw*  
“**Turned inside out**” *Thayer (opposite of right)*  
**Perfect tense: Prior action & continuing results.**
  - 2. Sinning** [Harmar-tanei] “**Greek Present: On-going continuous actions.**”
  - 3. Self-condemned** “**Twisted & sinful, condemned by what he himself has done.**” *Louw*

Do NOT let them **minimize** **THEIR** sin.  
Nor **shift** the focus onto **YOU!**



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Titus 3:12a When I send Artemas ...

The name of a disciple mentioned only HERE. Paul wished to send him to Crete to *replace Titus* who was to leave & visit Paul at Nicopolis.



Titus 3:12a or Tychicus to you...

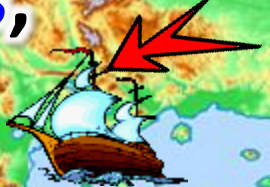
Beloved brother & faithful minister (Eph 6:21)  
Trusted courier for funds to Jerusalem (Acts 20:4)  
Faithful servant for Paul to churches (Col 4:7)  
Capable evangelist to Ephesus (2 Tim 4:12)

Titus 3:12b Or Tychicus to you: may be sent to Ephesus, so Titus can visit Paul in Nicopolis

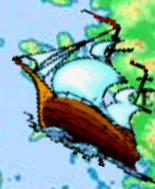
# Paul's 4<sup>th</sup> Missionary Journey



Rome



Nicopolis



Ephesus



1. Paul departs **Rome** after his first Imprisonment
2. And sailed to **Crete** and left Titus there. (Titus 1:5)
3. Paul sailed to **Ephesus**, and left Timothy there. (1 Tim 1:3)
4. In **Macedonia**, Paul wrote 1st Timothy (1 Tim 1:3)
5. Finally in **Nicopolis** in Epirus, Paul wrote to **Titus**, (Titus 3:12) 350mi away **AD. 66 or 67**



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Titus 3:13 “Diligently help Zenas  
the lawyer & Apollos on their way...”



“Zenas: Christian **missionary** who worked with Titus on the island of Crete” (Titus 3:13). *Nelson's*

He and Apollos were either **escorts** for Titus to Nicopolis (v.12), or being sent elsewhere as part of a larger **missionary plan**. *Cf ISBE Revised*

“**Lawyer**” (nomikós) does not make clear whether he was an expert in Jewish or non-Jewish (probably Roman) law.

*Cf ISBE Revised*

Either way is enormously helpful in the cause of Christ.



# Titus 3:9-15 Concluding Directions

Titus 3:13 “Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.”



Apollos: an eloquent Christian evangelist (Acts 18:24), of Alexandrian, Jewish ancestry.

So impressive a person was Apollos that Paul used him as a metaphor of great leaders, along with Paul, Peter and Christ (1 Cor 4:6) over whom Corinthians tended to divide. (1 Cor 1:12)



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Titus 3:14 And let our *people* also *learn to engage in good deeds* to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.



Titus 2:7 *You* be an *example* of good deeds.

Titus 2:14 *We* should *be zealous* for good deeds.

Titus 3:8 *Believers* *careful* to engage in good deeds.

Titus 3:14 *Our people* *learn* to engage in good deeds

Christianity is so much about *Giving, Loving, Forgiving, and Going the 2<sup>nd</sup> mile.*

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**YOU** can make a  
difference!

*Doing good deeds can  
really make an incredible  
difference to someone else.*

*Chatting with a **lonely** / **elderly** person or caring  
for a **special needs child** so that the parents can  
have a break may mean a great deal to them.*



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To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care enough and **BE THERE.**

*It feels Good.*

*It Brightens **Their** life.*

*It Blesses **You.***

*Luke 6:38 "Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. Pressed down, shaken together, and running over, it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you." NCV*

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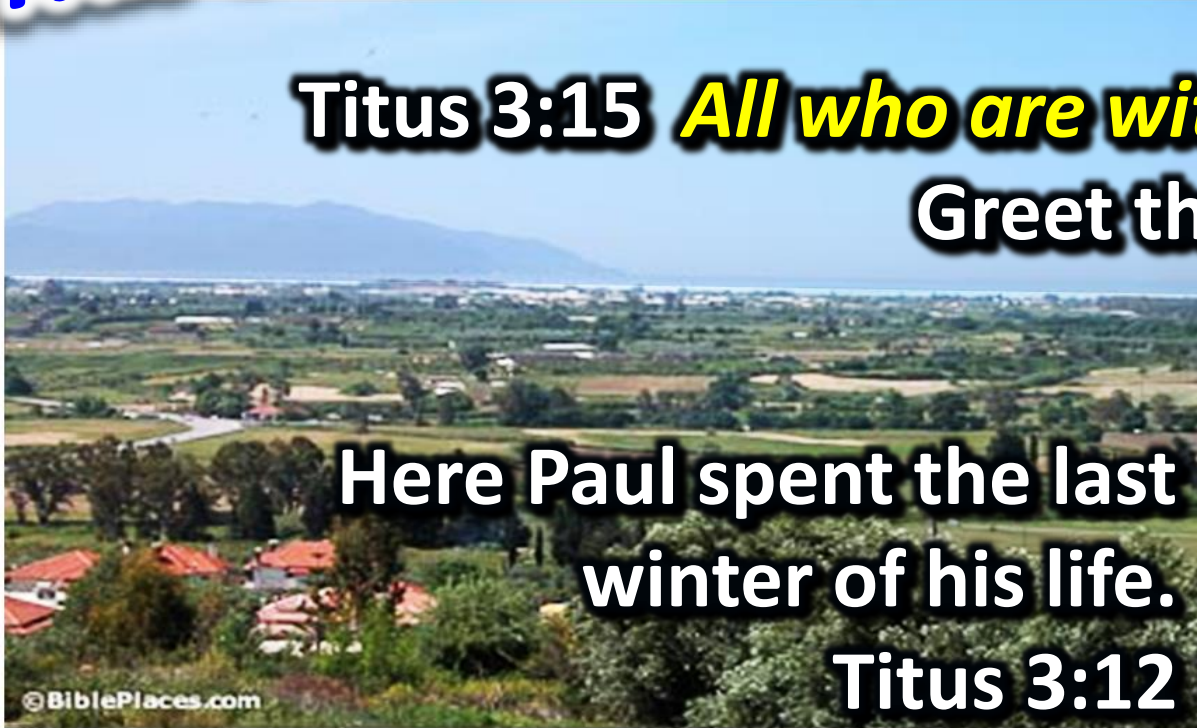
**Titus 3:15** *All who are with me greet you.*

**Greet those who love us  
in the faith.**

**Grace be  
with you  
all.**

**Here Paul spent the last  
winter of his life.**

**Titus 3:12**



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**Augustus Caesar built Nicopolis in NW Greece to commemorate his victory over Mark Antony at the battle of Actium on September 2, 31 BC. Nicopolis rested on a peninsula jutting into the Adriatic Sea. Nicopolis was the capitol of that region became an important city and trade center.**





Paul is arrested in  
Nicopolis and taken  
back to Rome

Here he would await execution  
*executioner's sword*. (2 Tim 4:6)

Paul the *warrior* had fought the good fight.  
And Paul the *athlete* had finished his course.  
Paul the *Christian* had kept the faith (2 Tim 4:8)



**In the future there is laid up for me the  
*crown of righteousness...***



**Which the Lord, *the righteous Judge*, will award  
to me on that day; and not only to me, but also  
*to all who have loved His appearing.* (2 Tim 4:8)**