



TITUS

— DOCTRINE ON DISPLAY —



**What we truly believe will eventually become
visible in how we live.**

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you
would **set in order** what remains and **appoint**
elders in every city as I directed you,

Titus 1:5

¹⁰ For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,¹¹ who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.

Titus 1: 10-11

The gospel **changes** what we believe.

What we believe **changes** how we live.

How we live **makes** the gospel visible to a
lost and dying world.

The Gospel Changes What We Believe

1) The gospel gives us truth to build our lives upon.

for the faith of those chosen of God and the
knowledge of the truth which is according to
godliness,

Titus 1:1b

The Bible is God's Word — Scripture is inspired by God and is authoritative for what Christians believe and how they live (2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

There is one God — There is one true God who eternally exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man —
Jesus is the eternal Son of God who became
human without ceasing to be God (John 1:1,
14; Colossians 2:9).

Humanity is created in God's image but fallen in sin — Every person has inherent value as God's image-bearer, yet all humanity is separated from God because of sin (Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23).

Jesus died for our sins — Christ's death on the cross provides atonement for sin and reconciliation with God (Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 2:24).

Jesus physically rose from the dead — The resurrection is a historical and essential claim of Christianity, not merely a symbol (1 Corinthians 15:3–4, 14).

Salvation is by God's grace through faith in Christ — People cannot earn salvation through good works; salvation is God's gift received through faith (Ephesians 2:8–10).

Repentance and new life accompany genuine faith — Salvation isn't simply intellectual agreement. The Holy Spirit transforms believers so that their lives increasingly reflect Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17; Titus 2:11–14).

The Holy Spirit indwells and empowers believers — The Spirit convicts, regenerates, sanctifies, gifts, and empowers God's people (John 16:8; Romans 8:9–14).

The Church is Christ's people and has a mission — Believers belong to the body of Christ and are called to worship God, disciple believers, love others, and proclaim the gospel (Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 2:42–47).

Jesus Christ will return — Christianity looks toward the personal return of Christ, resurrection, judgment, and the fulfillment of God's kingdom (Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

There is eternal life and final judgment —

God will ultimately judge humanity, and those who belong to Christ have the hope of eternal life with Him (John 3:16; Revelation 20–22).

Doctrine is simply what we believe to be true
about God, ourselves, and the world.

The question isn't, "Do I have doctrine?". The question is, "Is what I believe true?".

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; **no one** comes to the Father but **through Me**.”

John 14:6

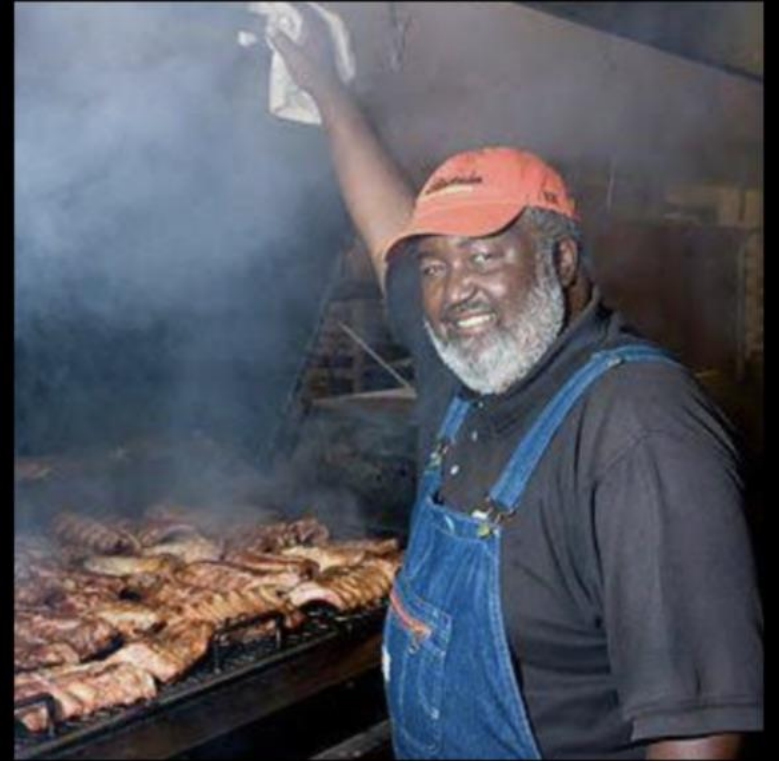
Your **beliefs** matter!

Sound doctrine (beliefs) lead to godliness.

If truth is supposed to **produce godliness**,
then the people entrusted with teaching truth
should **demonstrate** what truth looks like.

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⁷ For the overseer must be **above reproach** as God's steward, **not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,** ⁸ but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,

Titus 1:7-8

holding fast the faithful word which is in
accordance with the teaching, so that he will
be able both to **exhort in sound doctrine** and
to **refute those who contradict.**

Titus 1:9

God isn't looking for leaders who simply know the truth. He wants leaders whose lives have been shaped by the truth.

The elder/leader of the church is supposed to **model the kind of maturity** toward which the **entire church is growing**.

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Titus 1:16

It is possible for **what we profess** with our mouths and **what we demonstrate** with our lives to contradict each other.

²¹ “Not everyone who **says to Me**, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does** the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. ²² Many will **say to Me** on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did **we** not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, **you who practice lawlessness.**’

Matthew 7:21-23

What does **your life say** about what **you claim**
to believe?

If your professed belief is different from actual life, you are well on your way of being a heretic.

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- 3) False belief eventually produces a false life.
- 4) What we believe shapes how we live.

But as for you, speak the things which are
fitting for **sound** doctrine.

Titus 2:1

The gospel isn't merely something we proclaim as a church. The gospel becomes visible through the people who are the church.

Sound Doctrine

Uncorrupted Truth
Un-compromised Belief
Gospel Centered Life
A Visible Faith

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If someone couldn't hear what you say you believe and **could only watch how you live**, what would they conclude you believe about Jesus?

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