



The Drone Series

A 52-Week Journey Through the Bible

Soaring through the pages of the Bible and embarking on an inspiring weekly journey from **Genesis to Revelation!** Dive into transformative insights that will uplift your spirit and deepen your understanding. Experience the power of scripture like never before!

We understand that spiritual growth can be a deeply personal journey, and we invite you to join us as we explore a different book of the Bible each week. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect and find inspiration together. We encourage you to invite a friend to join us, whether in person or online, so we can support each other on this meaningful path.

Background Matters

Titus was a Gentile convert (Gal. 2:3) who had served and traveled with the Apostle Paul (Gal. 2:1–3). Titus had also functioned as a faithful emissary to the troubled church in Corinth (2 Cor. 7:6–7; 8:6, 16).

In approximately A.D. 63–64, sometime after they left Timothy behind in Ephesus, Paul and Titus traveled on to Crete. After a brief visit Paul then left Titus behind to help provide leadership for the Cretan churches (Titus 1:5).¹

The purpose of the epistle to Titus was to instruct him about what he should do and teach in the Cretan churches. **A special theme of the letter is the role of grace in promoting good works among God's people (Titus 2:11–3:8).**²

Paul never forgot the sinful condition from which he and his converts had been salvaged (cf. 1 Cor. 6:9–11; Eph. 4:17–24; Col. 3:6–7), and he reminded them of it once more. Instead of the gracious, Christlike people he was encouraging them to be, they once were just the opposite, being **foolish** instead of sensible, **disobedient** instead of submissive, **deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures** instead of self-disciplined and ready for every good work. Far from being peaceable, considerate, and humble, they were characterized by

¹ A. Duane Litfin, "Titus," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 761.

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malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. Such is the brutish existence of people apart from God. While a veneer of civilization often obscures the bleak truth, the slightest crack in the surface of society reveals the reality behind the facade. The painful truth is that apart from God people degenerate into little more than animals wrangling over bones.

3:4. But all of that changed **when the kindness and love** (*philanthrōpia*, lit., “love for man”) **of God our Savior appeared.** The contrast is startling. In verse 3 man is the actor, but in verses 4–7 man is merely the recipient, and God becomes the actor. What man could in no wise do for himself, God initiated for him. (On the reference to God as Savior, see comments on 1 Tim. 1:1.)

3:5. God in His grace saves those who believe, not because of any righteousness in them (cf. Rom. 3:21–24; Eph. 2:8–9; 2 Tim. 1:9), but **because of His mercy.** The three words, “kindness,” “love,” and “mercy” (Titus 3:4–5) all represent aspects of God’s grace. The dual means of grace through which He accomplished this salvation are (1) the **rebirth** spoken of as a **washing** from the filth of sin, and (2) the **renewal by the Holy Spirit** (cf. 2 Cor. 5:17). No mention is made here of the role of faith in the process because Paul’s entire focus was on what God has done, not on human response.

3:6–7. God **poured out** the Holy Spirit on the world **generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.** Jesus was the Mediator of the Spirit (cf. Acts 2:33).¹

In this Week's Drone Series, *we land the Drone in the local church. In the body of Christ, God's grace should cultivate an atmosphere that encourages salvation, spiritual growth, and enduring friendships for eternity.*

John emphasizes that the gift of grace from God, offered through Jesus, is the key to unlocking spiritual transformation in people's lives. In John 1:17, it states, "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." This highlights that we have all received from His fullness, grace upon grace.

Jesus demonstrated His grace to many, including the woman at the well, blind Bartimaeus, the woman caught in adultery, and even Saul, who later became Paul—a man who previously terrorized the early church. If Jesus could extend grace to these individuals, whom can we deny the gift of grace?

Let's dive into the fascinating journey of the Gentile church in the book of Titus and discover how it cultivated a vibrant atmosphere where grace could truly flourish!

Grace Creates a Welcoming Space

Titus 3:1–15

Study Guide 42 *This study guide presents daily assignments that are specifically crafted to enhance your **growth in the Word**. Embrace each moment to meditate and reflect, and watch as your spiritual maturity flourishes through your dedicated efforts.*

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Open It, Mondays. Open your heart and mind to the truth of the Word.

1. When is it beneficial to argue about an issue?

Explore It, Tuesdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

2. How does God want us to respond to authority? (3:1)

3. *How does God want us to treat all people? (3:1–2)

4. What are we like before we are saved? (3:3)

5. *What changes when we believe in Christ? How? (3:3–7)

6. What saved Paul from his foolishness? (3:4)

7. Why does God save people? (3:4–5)

8. What role does the Holy Spirit play in a person's salvation? (3:5)

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9. What is the result of being justified by faith? (3:7)

10. What did Paul tell Titus to stress? Why? (3:8)

11. Why is it important to avoid controversies and arguments? (3:9)

12. How should we treat a person who divides friends? (3:10–11)

13. *Why is it important for us to do what is good? (3:14)

14. In what ways do you need to subject yourself to rulers and authorities?

15. *What does it mean to show true humility?

Get It Thursdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

16. *How can you show humility in all you do?

17. What difference does it make that God saves us out of His great mercy, and not because of anything we do?



18. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life?

19. What can you do to devote yourself to doing what is good?

20. What can you do to guard yourself against getting involved in useless arguments?

21. *What is one way you can serve others in your home, place of work, or church this week?

Drive it Home, Fridays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

22. What can you do this next week to reconcile a damaged relationship?

23. How can you say thank you to God in the next few days for His saving grace toward you?

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