

EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TITUS.

The Greeting.

1 **P**AUL, a servant of God, but an
apostle of Jesus Christ, for the
furtherance of the faith of the
elect of God, and a full knowledge
2 of truth, of that coming from a
religion founded upon a hope of
eternal life, which was pro-
3 claimed by God, Who cannot
lie, before everlasting times, but
manifested in our own days—His
Message—for the preaching of
which I have been appointed by
a command of God our Saviour;
4 to Titus, a true son in a common
faith: Blessing and peace from
God, Father, and Christ Jesus
our Saviour.

Church Government.

5 I left you in Crete for this purpose,
that you might set affairs right upon a
permanent basis; and appoint elders
6 in every town, as I directed you—if
any one is blameless, a man of one
wife, having believing children, and
not under accusation for profligacy or
7 vice. For an overseer ought to be
irreproachable as a Divine steward;
neither brutish, nor passionate, nor a
drunkard, nor a rioter, nor avaricious:
8 but, on the contrary, hospitable, be-
neficent, grave, just, godly, temper-
9 ate; and capable to teach the reason
of the faith, so that he may be able
both to advise in the healthy doctrine
and to convince its opponents.
10 For there are many insubordinate
silly talkers and deceivers, especially
11 from among the circumcision, whom
he ought to bridle. Such men overturn
whole families, teaching—for the sake
of dirty profit—what they ought not.
12 Some one of their own poets says of
them, "The Cretans always lie, evil
13 beasts, lazy gluttons." This statement
is a truth. For this reason reprove
them sharply, so that they may become
14 healthy in the faith; not following after
Jewish fictions, and led by human or-
dinances to pervert the truth.
15 Everything is pure with the pure;
but with the corrupted and unfaithful
nothing is pure; on the contrary, both

their mind and conscience are corrupt.
They profess to know God; but they 16
deny Him by their actions, being dis-
gusting, and apathetic, and careless
about any good work.

Christian Deportment.

But you must speak what accords 2
with the healthy teaching; that the 2
elder men should be sober, grave,
sensible, sound in faith, love, endur-
ance. The elder women similarly 3
should be priest-like in deportment;
neither slanderous nor addicted to
much wine; teachers of good: so that 4
they may sober down the young women
to be lovers of their husbands, lovers 5
of children, quiet, pure, housewifely,
innocent, obedient to their own hus-
bands; so that the message of God
may not be blasphemed. In the same 6
way, advise the young men to self-con-
trol, making themselves models of a 7
noble life in everything; instructing
with pure, grave, healthy, incontest- 8
able reason, so that the opposition
may be ashamed when they have
nothing vile to say about us.

Slaves should be obedient to their 9
own masters, trying to give satisfaction
in everything; neither contradicting
nor robbing; but, on the contrary, 10
showing goodness with fidelity; so
that they may adorn the teaching of
God our Saviour in everything.

For the gift of God revealed salvation 11
to all men; having disciplined us so 12
that we may reject impiety and the
lusts of the world, and that by living
soberly, and righteously, and rever- 13
ently in the present age, we must wait
patiently the blessed hope and mani-
festation of rectification from the
great God, and our Saviour Jesus
Christ; Who gave Himself for us, so 14
that He might redeem us from all
lawlessness, and purify for Himself
a select people, zealous for beautiful
works. Inculcate these matters, and
exhort and reprove impartially, letting
none treat you with contempt.

Remind them to be submissive to 3
governors and authorities; to be ready

