

Titus 3:1-11 **The Ideal Citizen**

Titus is calling on the people of Crete to live in their culture as a model citizen.

A model citizen was to be subject to the rulers and authorities.

Even though we are citizen of heaven (Phil. 3:20 NIV), we are to submit ourselves to the earthly government that is instituted by God (Roms. 13:1-2 NIV).

Notes: verses 1-2

The ideal believer, true follower of Christ should be:

- Peaceable; Considerate; True humility

The believers on Crete were once:

- Foolish; Disobedient; Deceived; Enslaved; Passions drove them

They lived in:

- Malice
- Envy

Note: verses 4-7

- The believers on Crete were saved from all of this
 - o Washed by the Holy Spirit; Rebirth; Renewed; The Holy Spirit was poured out on them

They were: Justified; Graced; Allowed to become heirs

We can see why Paul encouraged Titus to stress these things.

The culture was having an effect upon the Church.

Note: vs. 9-11 Here Paul gives his final plea for how the ideal believer was to live and function in a culture that was ungodly.

They were to avoid:

- Foolish controversies; Genealogies; Arguments; Quarrels about the Law

All of these are unprofitable.

Note: vs. 10

This individual can destroy your reputation in your community.

God is calling the churches to be a strong influence in their culture.

We are being called today to stand for truth, honesty, purity and holiness.

We are to bring glory to our Savior in any and all situations.

Note: verse 14 “Learn to devote yourself to doing what is good so that you will live a productive live”

We need to stop running from our world.

Fear is not our answer.

Trust is.

This is our time for reflection. Time to be looking at what really matters.

It is time that we run into it, with it, alongside of it and help people see the truth about Jesus and his life changing love for them.