TITUS 1:10-16 STATION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH 2 MARCH 2025

INTRODUCTION TO TITUS RECAP

- Purpose: to provide instruction on sustaining the churches
- by maintaining right belief and practice
- Primarily the responsibility of leaders

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- Letter speaks directly to trans-local leaders
- indirectly to local leaders whom they appoint
- •and to the people they lead

TITUS 1:1-9 RECAP

- Verses 1-4: letter opening
 - Authority, response, basis of response
- Verses 5-9: appointment of local leaders
 - Moral qualities and ministry qualifications

TITUS 1:10-16 INTRODUCTION

- The problem: opponents of the apostolic teaching
 - O Heretical, depraved, sordid
 - Disrupting the churches, leading believers astray
- The response: what leaders must do
 - Silence the teachers
 - Rebuke the listeners

- Reason for local leaders: false teachers
 - Insubordinate to apostolic authority
 - Futile and deceptive speech
 - Jewish Christians

- These people must be silenced
- because they are disruptive
- by teaching what should not be taught
- for their own benefit

TITUS 1:12-13A

- Identifies false teachers with lower elements of Cretan society
- using statement from a Cretan prophet
- with apostolic endorsement

TITUS 1:13B-14

- Those who listen to the teachers must be rebuked
- so they will maintain healthy belief and practice
- not holding to Jewish myths that justify licence
- or to human precepts contrary to the gospel
- Those who teach these reject the truth

- Everything is ritually clean to the morally clean
- But for the morally unclean everything is unclean
- Their moral faculties are defiled by unbelief and immorality

- The false teachers claim knowledge of God
- But their evil deeds invalidate their claim:
 - O idolatry
 - disobedience
 - unfitness for good works

SUMMARY APPLICATION

- Similar problem in the church today:
 - Rejection of apostolic authority
 - Empty and unhealthy teaching
 - Desire for popularity
 - Idolatry and immorality

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- Same response required:
 - O Leaders must silence false teachers
 - and rebuke us when we pay attention to them
 - We must keep ourselves sound in faith