

Call To Worship

"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweet also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb." (Psalm 19:7-10)

Titus 1:10-16

For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; both their minds and their consciences are defiled. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

We Must Be Ready to Contend

- 1.) God has called us to stand firm and guard sound doctrine;
- 2.) We must always be ready to contend
- 3.) We have not only been called to a ministry of reconciliation, but also confrontation;

False Teachers (vv. 10-15b, and 16)

- 1.) They are deceived;
- 2.) They have deceived others;
- 3.) They promote self glory and self-made righteousness;
- 4.) The lack conviction;
- 5.) Their theology does not match their conduct;

Ministry of Confrontation (vv. 13-14)

- 1.) Rebuke (correct);
- 2.) For the purpose of directing them to sound faith;
- 3.) Not adding or taking away from the gospel

The Pure of Heart (vv. 15)

- 1.) What does it mean to be pure?
- 2.) Heart Motivation;
- 3.) The believer is made pure because Christ has made them pure;

Benediction

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on

those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. (Jude 20-23)