

**Msg-Tough Grace - Titus Pt 3**  
**Titus 1:10-16 1/23/11**

- 1.) What do you believe is the big **Fail** in the church today?
- 2.) The Bible is not a resource for truth but the *source* of truth  
It is not a supplementary text but the only text  
Its truths are not optional but mandatory
- 3.) Titus faced an enemy similar to that which we face today in the modern church. There was present a mixture of legalism, **MAN-MADE TRADITIONS**, and pressure to conform to the **DEMANDS** of the world.
- 4.) vs 10 - As the gospel was taught and the church began to increase, false teachers quickly followed. They are identified as **EMPTY TALKERS** and **DECEIVERS**
- 5.) vs 11 tells us these false teachers “*must be silenced*” which means their mouths must be **STOPPED**. The literal meaning of the phrase is “**TO MUZZLE**.”
- 6.) vs 12 tells us the characteristics of the island’s inhabitants: **LIARS**, **EVIL BEASTS**, AND **LAZY GLUTTONS**. Indicating that instead of living for GOD, they were living for the passions of their **APPETITES**.
- 7.) vs 13 gives strong indication that the people of whom Paul is writing about are from **WITHIN** the **CHURCH**.
- 8.) vs 13 - What Titus was to do about this situation? Certainly not stand quietly by and let them take over. He was instructed to bring **REPROOF** which was to cut with **PENETRATING** force.
- 9.) vs 15 -The “*pure*” persons referred to are those who are pure by virtue of their **FAITH** alone, not through works. The basic deviation of every false religious system is **WORKS BASED RIGHTEOUSNESS**; that you can somehow become “*as God*”.
- 10.) vs 16 says- “*they claim to know God*”, meaning that false teachers hold “*to a form of godliness*”, but in reality they have become **DETESTABLE** in God’s sight. Jesus told us- “*You will know them by their fruits*” Mt 7:16.

**Greek words used today:**

**Anupotaktos** (an-oo-pot'-ak-tos); *unsubdued, insubordinate*:- disobedient, unruly  
**Mataiologos** (mat-ah-yol-og'-os) *idle talker* :- vain talker - properly to “*lay*” forth *empty*, (literal) *profitless, vain discourse*  
**Apotomos** ap-ot-om'-oce - (to cut); *abruptly, peremptorily*:- sharply (-ness) “to cut,” as with a knife or ax  
**Pistis** (pis'-tis) *persuasion; conviction* (of truth, or the truthfulness of God), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; (Gospel) *truth* itself:- assurance, belief, believe

**Thoughts to consider in the week ahead:**

The free gift of salvation involves repentance of sin and acceptance of God’s grace alone. Self-sufficient humans attempt to add something that can be externally observed and for which they can claim credit.

What are you to do when you discover false teaching?

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How can I live the principles of this message?

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How might these issues be carried into my prayer life?

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- 1.) Be careful who is speaking into your life.
- 2.) True authority always begins with God’s Word.
- 3.) Beware of individuals who will not put themselves under authority
- 4.) Failure on our part to confront false teaching is indicative of an indifference regarding God’s truth.
- 5.) Firm (grace filled) confrontation can result in stronger relationships and restored unity.