



Titus is a compact blueprint from God for establishing His **church**.

Chapter 3 is the blueprint for the church's relationship with the **world** around it.

What is a proper Christian **response** in a pagan culture?

If we are going to make God's saving power visible, we have to make it real in our relations with Christians and **non-Christians**.

Remind the people – The church **knew** the responsibilities they had for living in a pagan culture but they needed to be reminded.

Be subject to the rulers and authorities – It doesn't matter **who it is**, we are to be subject to those who are over us.

Romans 13

Whether they are righteous by grace through faith in Christ or ungodly; whether they rule conscious of their accountability to God or not; whether they themselves live scandalously or strive to be godly, they are in authority over us for **God's sake**.

1 Peter 2:9-17

How you live in a pagan culture is crucial to **proclaiming** the excellencies of the One who saved you. You need to be subject to rulers and authorities for **evangelistic** reasons.

Be obedient – You are to **obey** what those rulers say.

Acts 4 & 5

The only time we **disobey** is when we are being told by earthly authorities to go against what we have been commanded by **Scripture**.

Be ready to do whatever is good – **aggressive** goodness; no matter how volatile the culture is against Christianity, **pursue** every good thing so our lives demonstrate the transformation of the gospel.

Slander no one – to treat with **contempt**.

We are to **confront** sin. We must call sinners to **repentance**, but we do not stoop to slander and speaking with contempt of people.

Be peaceable and considerate

- not contentious, not **fighting**
- considerate of human weakness, **patient** with sinners

Show true humility toward all men – meekness, power under **control**, patient **trust** in God

Everything we do here has an **evangelistic** goal.

God's blueprint for His church is not just about the leadership within it (ch.1) or the people within it (ch. 2), but its relationship with the **culture** it is within.

2 Timothy 3:1-5, 12-13

Matthew 24:12

God's blueprint for us as His church is not for us to be about altering social morality or upgrading **cultural** conduct. We are interested in people being **saved**. If we are going to change the culture, we're going to do it from the **inside** out.

The sad reality is that when the church gets into a moralizing and politicizing bent, it usually has a **negative** impact on its mission of evangelism.

We are here to **preach** Christ and to know nothing among them except Christ crucified; but, behind that preaching must come a manner of **living** that makes that message believable.