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15 October 2020 at 3:22:45 pm  
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Titus 1:11 They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.  
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Titus 1:13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,  
Titus 1:14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.  
Titus 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.  
Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

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15 October 2020 at 3:27:29 pm  
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22 August 2020 at 11:47:46 am  
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15 October 2020 at 3:28:37 pm  
No, wrong and false arguments must be exposed for what they are and then countered with the truth!



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**Titus 1:10-16**

**Truth #3** - The Gospel transforms culture

**Doctrine #3** - The doctrine of Soteriology

**Principle #3** - The Leader’s exemplary private life

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The late Dr. J.I. Packer, who wrote the best-selling *Knowing God*, was once asked to sum up the Bible. Remarkably he did so in just *three* words: God saves sinners. The story of the Bible is the story of God’s plan of redemption of mankind. *Redemption* means rescue, deliverance, to buy back.

1. How does Paul describe those who claimed that salvation required certain human effort in order to be saved — and especially who does he take aim at?

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(Titus 1:10)

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Some people have suggested that we should just preach the truth of the gospel and ignore the arguments of those who oppose it.

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2. Based on **Titus 1:11**, did Paul agree with this approach and what were his reasons?

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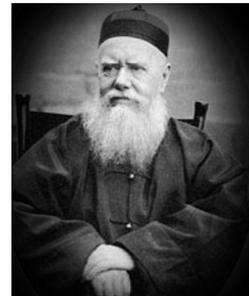
22 August 2020 at 11:46:50 am  
Titus 1:12 One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

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15 October 2020 at 4:12:58 pm  
The Gospel of the Kingdom would counter these cultural traits. If the Christians of Crete in that day became increasingly devoted to Christ and influential among their culture they would transform what Cretan culture honoured and found shameful. Things such as lying, wickedness, and laziness would become shameful.

### The Cretan Culture

The gospel not only transforms individuals, it transforms a *culture* (the way a people think about important issues, how they treat each other—especially the most vulnerable, and how they express themselves in *art*). In some circles, a people’s traditional culture is viewed as *sacrosanct* (“not to be interfered with”). People who hold this view have long regarded Christian missionaries as *interfering* and *disrespectful* to a foreign culture. To be sure, many Christian missionaries *did* confuse Christianity with their own culture and then innocently imposed aspects of their European culture onto their foreign mission field. But, there have been missionaries who have enculturated into their new culture (they learned and spoke the language, adopted their diet and their national dress) and then challenged those aspects of the culture contrary to the *Natural Law*. Examples of this include British missionary, Hudson Taylor, who went to China (pictured above) and became known as ‘the father of modern missions’. Some years earlier, British missionary, William Carey went to India and challenged their cultural practice of *sati* (burning of the live widow of a deceased husband upon his funeral pyre, depicted below) which eventually led to it being outlawed.



- 29 3. Read **Titus 1:12**. How then would the teaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God be a challenge to Cretan culture? If the witness of Cretan Christians became increasingly influential, how would it effect Cretan culture?

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22 August 2020 at 11:47:21 am  
Titus 1:13 This testimony is true.  
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that they may be sound in the  
faith,  
Titus 1:14 not devoting  
themselves to Jewish myths and  
the commands of people who  
turn away from the truth.

32. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
15 October 2020 at 4:15:16 pm  
At times it would rebuke 'sharp'  
rebuking. It would also require  
standing for and promoting the  
truth.

33. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
22 August 2020 at 2:59:25 pm  
Titus 1:16 They profess to know  
God, but they deny him by their  
works. They are detestable,  
disobedient, unfit for any good  
work.

34. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
15 October 2020 at 4:16:10 pm  
Titus was going to have to deal  
with hypocrisy, and blatantly  
sinful lifestyles.

35. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
22 August 2020 at 8:20:16 pm  
Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have  
been saved through faith. And  
this is not your own doing; it is  
the gift of God,  
Eph. 2:9 not a result of works, so  
that no one may boast.

36. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
22 August 2020 at 8:21:10 pm  
The Christian doctrine of  
salvation is grounded in the grace  
of God appropriated by faith in  
Christ as the Saviour.

37. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
15 October 2020 at 4:17:09 pm  
This one, sadly, isn't true.

38. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
15 October 2020 at 4:17:37 pm  
Perhaps unpack and explain  
options (a) to (h) in Question 7  
above.

31 4. Paul seems to suggest that Pastor Titus was going to have to confront this culture - even within the church. How, in **Titus 1:13-14**, does he advise Titus to do this?

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33 5. Why was Titus' task going to be a difficult one based on what Paul tells us in **Titus 1:16**?

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### The Doctrine of Soteriology

The Greek word for *salvation* is 'soterias' which is why the study of salvation is called *soteriology*. The doctrine of salvation is unique to Christianity.

35 6. How does **Ephesians 2:8-9** reveal why this doctrine of salvation is unique to Christianity?

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37 7. Select which things are a true result from salvation -  
(a) Forgiveness of sins (b) Adoption by God (c) Justified by Christ  
(d) The promise of receiving a glorified resurrected body (e) a new nature  
(f) The abiding presence of God (g) The illumination of Scripture  
(h) admission into the family of God (the Church) (i) **No more problems**

### The Principles for Our Growth

38 8. If you were helping a new believer to understand salvation, what would you point out to them?

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## **Prayer**

*Father,*

*We thank You for our salvation. Thank You Lord for Your forgiveness and mercy. Please help us to share Your love and grace with others.*

*Give us a fresh love for others and a desire to serve our brothers and sisters with the gifts Your Holy Spirit has given us. In Jesus' Name we pray,*

*Amen.*