

5 Trustworthy Sayings-

“ ‘This is a trustworthy saying’ is the phrase by which Paul bookmarks Christocentric truths in his pastoral letters that are already established truisms in the church.”

--Kent Hughes, on Titus 3:1-8 in the Preach the Word commentary series

Titus 1:1–2, 5 ESV

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began...

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you.

Main Point-

God's saving and cleansing grace unifies
God's people and edifies God's people.

Titus 2:11–15 ESV

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Titus 3:8 ESV

The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

1st Implication-

God's saving and cleansing grace unifies
God's people.

Ephesians 2:3–5 ESV

among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

2nd Implication-

God's saving and cleansing grace edifies
God's people.

Titus 3:8–9 ESV

The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.