



PART 3

Titus 1:10 - 2:1

Like a physical therapist, God seeks to get this body (and each part within it) back into alignment. To avoid such treatment, risks further injury to ourselves and others. Thus our first step as individuals and as a congregation is to come to the Great Physician and accept his diagnosis that all is not as it should be.

Titus 1:10-11

10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.

11 They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.

“I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.” (Galatians 2:1-5)

- *“Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved” (Acts 15:1)*
- *“But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, ‘It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.’” (Acts 15:4)*

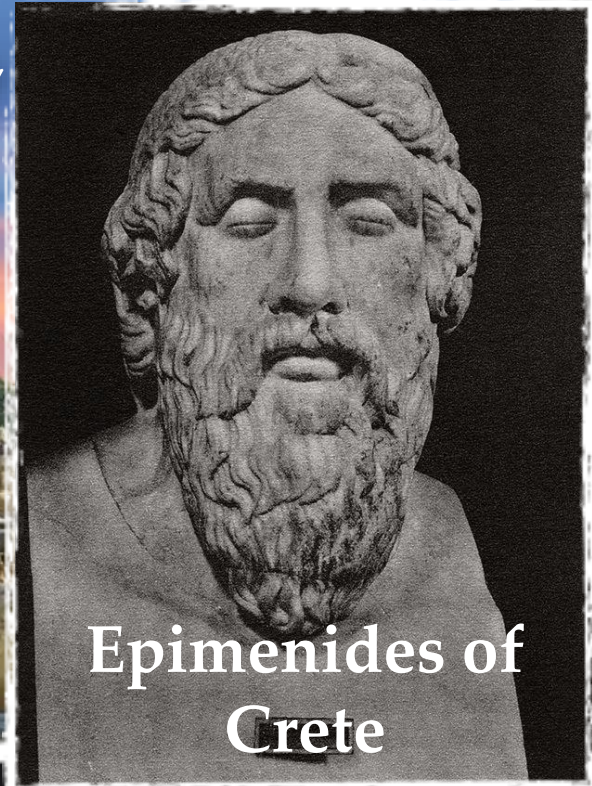
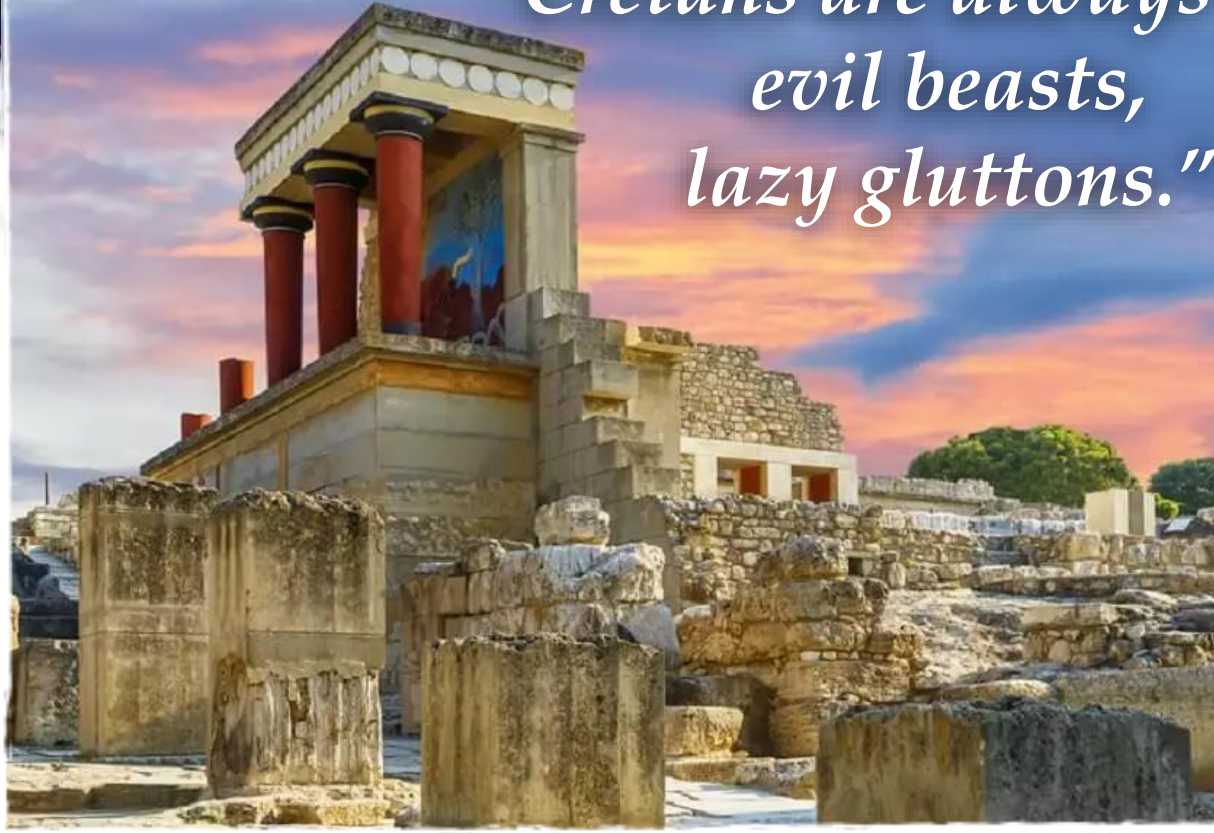
*“We endure anything rather than put an
obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ”*

(1 Corinthians 9:12)

Titus 1:12-14

12 One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

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Epimenides of
Crete

Titus 1:15 - 2:1

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. 16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work. 2:1 But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.

Search me, O God,
and know my heart.
Try me and know my thoughts.
See if there be
any wicked way in me
and lead me in the way,
lead me in the way,
lead me in the way everlasting.
(Ps. 139:23-24)