**THE TRUSTWORTHY MESSAGE**

Titus 1:1-16

Key Verse: 1:9

“He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.”

1. Read verses 1-4. How does Paul identify himself? (1a) What is the purpose of his writing? (1b-2) How did God bring to light the knowledge of the truth at the appointed time? (3) How did Paul address Titus? (4)
2. Read verse 5-9. What was the reason that Paul left Titus in Crete? (5) What are the qualification to be an elder? (6-9) Why is important for an elder to hold firmly to the trustworthy message? (9)
3. Read verses 10-16. How does Paul characterize the circumcision group? (10) What is their motive in teaching disruptive doctrines? (11) Why should the Cretans be rebuked? (12-14) What happened to those whose minds and consciences were corrupted? (15-16)