

## Titus 2

1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. 2 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

6 Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. 7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

9 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, 10 and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

15 These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

### Remaining Schedule Section III: Interpretive Tools

- Repetition
- Using Commentaries & Other Resources
- Studying Difficult Passages & Familiar Passages

## Core Seminars—How to Study the Bible Class 11: Linking Words



### Knowing What *Therefore* is There For

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28.18-20).

#### I. What are linking words?

A. Help us to see relationships between various propositions

B. Proposition: An assertion or statement about something that must include a subject and a predicate

C. Linking words can be used to ...

#### II. Four Common Linking Words in Scripture

A. “**For**”- indicates the reason or grounds

Example 1: “Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever” (2 Chron. 20.21)

Example 2: “If they do not have self control, let them marry, for it is better to marry than burn with passion” (1 Cor. 7.9).

Example 3: “Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance” (Phil. 1.18-19).

Example 4: “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, *for* he who is promised is faithful” (Heb 10.23)

**B. “therefore”** - indicates a particular effect or consequence of a preceding statement

Example 1:

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:  
Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something  
to be grasped,  
but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death - even death  
on a cross

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*Therefore* God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2.5-11).

Example 2: Hebrews 4.14-15 – For and Therefore

**14** Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. **15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

**C. “If” statements** - can be understood in two ways

1) Conditional ...

Example: “*If* you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom ...

However, *if* you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.” (Deuteronomy 28.13, 15)

2) Or, as *because* ...

Example: “*If* God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; *if* he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, preacher of righteousness, and seven others; *if* he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorra by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and *if* he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard) - *if* this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.” (2 Peter 2.4-9)

**D. “So that” statements** - can be understood two ways

1) Indicate *purpose*

16 “I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 SO THAT Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Eph 3:16-17).

2) Demonstrate a *result*

“Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, **so that** they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak...” (Luke 12.1).