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Paul's View on Racism

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Titus 1:5-16

“Paul is here endorsing something like a racist stereotype—perhaps more accurately, an ethnic prejudice—an apparently common slur against the entire nation of Cretans generally.”
(p. 72) *The Bible Made Impossible* by Christian Smith

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. Paul had left Titus on the Island of _____ to finish the task of establishing the church on that island. V.5
- B. One of the specific tasks that Titus had was to select _____ for all of the local churches. V.5
- C. The designations used in this passage for leaders are _____ V.6 and _____ V.7-9
- D. Paul then mentions some _____ of those who are coming to Christ in Crete. V.10-14
- E. In this list he mentions a _____ from a Cretan philosopher: Epimenides of Gnossus. (In Philosophy this is called the Epiminides Paradox.) V.12
- F. Paul then goes on to instruct Titus to help the _____ to be disciplined as to how a real Christian behaves. V.13-16

II. What can we learn from this?

- A. Paul's writings do not endorse _____. In fact, his writings have led western society to end it! **Galatians 3:26-28**
- B. What he does teach is that we must _____ from our culture when we _____ Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. **Romans 12:2**