

An aerial view of New York City, featuring the Empire State Building on the right. A dark, semi-transparent diamond shape is centered over the city. The text "LIVING AMONG CRETANS" is written in a white, distressed, sans-serif font across the diamond. The background has a greenish tint and some light scratches.

LIVING AMONG CRETANS

Titus 3:1-8

REMINDE THEM

- Paul begins this section by telling Titus to remind them of their duty (v. 1).
- Repeated truth is not easy to hear and not always easy to speak (2 Tim. 4:3-4).
- Just because we know something, doesn't mean we "remember" it (Rev. 3:3).
- Imagine the sorts of people who needed to hear these truths in the first century.

SHOW EVERY CONSIDERATION

- Paul gives a host of things to keep in mind for the believer (v. 1-2).
- Consider the overall picture of the Christian and government (Rom. 13:1-7).
- When it comes to tyrants, despots, and duly elected officials, we give them their due and move on to more important things (Lk. 20:21-26).
- Do you despair at our country's future (1 Tim. 2:1-2)?

HE SAVED US

- We can find easy targets to look down on in our country.
- But Paul calls on us to look with compassion and not arrogance (v. 3-7).
- This is what we would look like without God in our lives.
- That doesn't mean people aren't responsible (Rom. 1:18-31).
- We must reach out with all of the compassion that God has shown toward us (Lk. 15).