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Titus

C1 Paul writes to another son in the faith. Paul views himself as called to proclaim the Good news to God's people and to show them how to live godly lives.

Paul says they were already chosen. This already chosen perspective has a direct bearing on being born again. What really happens when someone becomes a follower is that we are like physicians who merely guide the birth that was conceived before we arrived. This is why Jesus used the term born- again.

When people cry what must I do to be saved? The answer is nothing! But what they can do after the fact is announce their arrival. Paul was sent to help them make sense of the experience, and to show them how and where to go from their birth. This is what we all do who share the Gospel to those who don't know him, and develop those who do. These are Paul's words to Titus.

The letter is a reminder that Titus will stay the course with his personal life first. He's been

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left to grow the church in Crete. If there was ever a document proving how important it is to walk with integrity before the people Titus is it.

He calls on Titus to silence the false teachers. Again, anyone having problems with judging others will have problems with this letter and all of Paul's letters (see 1 Timothy). And these persons have a false view of Jesus' words concerning judging others. He goes on to call ten detestable (1-16).

2. Paul's insistence on sound instruction is unparalleled. Paul knows the history of a people (Hebrews) who lost their way often because they with twisted or lost altogether God's word for living.

Paul has instructions for every person, male or female, older younger. Paul provides insight concerning the sociology of each group. Whatever Titus is teaching he must be an example of what he teaches on others (1-7).

His instruction as with Timothy must be flawless. Nothing more hurtful to the cause than when someone confounds the teacher and shows he lacks confidence. Titus is to teach at such a high level and defend the gospel so well, it shames the false teachers. As with Timothy and without supporting slavery, Paul desires them to serve with integrity. The pony is to represent The Lord. We have commented in Timothy (see Timothy x:x) concerning Paul's view of slavery. If a perform can gain it, by all means (.). Remember that most of what Paul says is in chains.

As with his other letters the focal point is Jesus, not only as the message but also as the strength and inspiration to prevail.

No one is to disregard what Titus has to say . He 'a to correct them. This is not a popularity movement (8-15).

C3 Paul had a consistent message with all the churches concerning governing authorities. They were to be honored (see 1 Timothy. , Romans.).

Quarreling was a major issue in churches. These were to be concluded and minimized. A quarrel is more than a disagreement. It's when people have different views, cannot reach agreement and work to get others to side with them. It's a cancer that can do significant damage when or if it's not resolved.

They are to be given a first and second chance. Thereafter it is a cause for excommunication. Causing division is not an acceptable activity. By the way, while the leader desired to involve the people in decision making effecting the group , it is not always possible to engage the whole community on onportsnt decisions. That is it's a good approach, but the church is not a democracy. It is a theocracy managed by responsible leaders .

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Local ministries may use whatever form of governance they desire. If everyone is involved in the most important decisions, then the ministry must have a mandatory program for everyone involved on the most critical decisions.

Paul wraps up with his usual acknowledgment and recognition

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