

1. APOSTOLIC ADDRESS AND SALUTATION. Titus 1-4

1. Salutation: Action of expressing greetings, or courtesy by word or gesture.
2. Salute used many time in the New Testament.
3. One time forbidden: "Salute no man on the Jesus said to the seventy. Luke 10:4
 1. After the Eastern custom such a salutation would have required much time.
 2. This refusal of a salute was not meant for the seventy to be unkind. The business of preaching Jesus was more urgent.
4. Salutations sometimes may be used in the wrong way.
 1. Mark 15:18; "And began to salute him saying Hail, King of the Jews!"

2. THE CLAIMS OF PAUL. He identified himself as:

1. A servant of God.

This title seems to mark the relation of: one

 1. Who had been a servant of sin but now was a servant of righteousness through Christ.
2. An apostle of Jesus Christ.
 1. He had his commission directly from Christ.
 1. How men were qualified to be an apostle. Acts 1:21, 22
 2. How Paul was qualified for the apostleship. Acts 9:1-16
 3. 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Paul said, "And last of all he was seen of me as one born out of due time."

3. THE PRINCIPLE OF HOPE. "In hope of eternal life."

1. The object of Christian hope:
 1. "Eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. Titus 1:2
 2. Hope never looks back. Hope connects us with the future as memory with the past.
2. The power of hope: Heb. 6:19, 20
 1. The anchor of the soul...
 2. Both sure and steadfast...
 3. Hope entereth into that within the vail.
 1. Jesus is entered within the vail, made an highpriest forever after the order of Melchisedec.

4. THE PERSON ADDRESSED: Titus 1:5

1. To Titus, mine own son after the common faith.
5. Titus' Mission: Titus 1:5;
 1. To ordain elders in every city.

6. QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS. Titus 1:6-91. For this cause left I thee in Crete.

1. Set in order the things that wanting...
2. Ordain elders in every city.
3. Clearly from this Paul must have been at some time in Crete though we have no record of it.

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELDERS: Titus 1:6-9

1. About seventeen qualifications listed here.
 1. Blameless:
 1. No charge brought against him can be upheld.
 2. He must be an example to others.
 3. Otherwise he could consistently check or reprove the blameworthy deeds of others.
2. Doctrinally sound: Titus 1:9
 1. "That he may be able by sound doctrine..
 2. To Exhort and to convince the gainsayer..
 3. He must be qualified to refute the arguments of false teachers.
 4. Nothing is so conducive to this end as sound doctrine firmly held and wisely applied.

7. THE CHARACTER OF THE ADVERSARIES OF THE CHURCH IN CRETE. Titus 1:10-16

1. The moral and intellectual character of these adversaries.
 1. It seems that they were members of the church
 2. It was necessary for Titus to be holy, laborous, and uncorrupt in life.
2. Vain talkers are the pest of churches - Families
 1. They sow seeds of distrust and turn men's mind against the gospel.
3. The Great Contradiction: Verse 16
 1. "They profess that they know God.... But in work they deny him."
4. The duty of Titus: Verse 13.
 1. "Rebuke them sharply. REASON: That they may be sound in the faith."

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