

## Episode #339 Titus Introduction: The Man Titus

I. We probably know far more of Timothy than we do of Titus. There are reasons for this: especially because we do not read of Titus in Acts. What we know of Titus is what we can find from Paul's books to learn about Titus, the man.

### II. Who was Titus?

- A. Galatians 2:1-3. Titus went with Paul during his second trip to Jerusalem. Is called a "Greek," and was uncircumcised Where did he likely come from?
  - 1. Acts 11:20-21. A number of Greeks believed at Syrian Antioch.
  - 2. Acts 11:27-30, we read of this trip to Jerusalem. It appears quite likely that Titus was one of this number.
- B. While Paul was in Ephesus (Acts 19:10,) he apparently wrote I Corinthians, and sent Titus ahead to Corinth. II Corinthians 2:12-13. He expected to meet Titus at Troas, but did not find him there. II Corinthians 7:5-7. He was very comforted to finally meet Titus in Macedonia, from which he is writing II Corinthians.
- C. Paul finally met Titus at Macedonia. II Corinthians 7:13-15. Titus' good report comforted Paul.
- D. II Corinthians 8:6. Paul sent Titus back to Corinth.
- E. II Corinthians 8:16-17. Titus accepted the difficult job of collecting money from the Corinthians.
- F. II Corinthians 8:23. Paul has high words of praise for Titus in setting forth his credentials. He could be trusted with this collection.
- G. II Corinthians 12:18. Paul appeals to Titus' conduct to prove he never tried to take advantage of the Corinthians. Shows Paul's confidence in Titus.

### III. What happened to Titus later?

- A. Titus 1:4-5. Titus left in Crete after Paul's release from Rome. Apparently was trusted to finish Paul's work, and straighten out problems, like in Corinth. Perhaps Paul's "troubleshooter"?
- B. Titus 3:12. Titus was to join Paul later in Nicopolis.
- C. II Timothy 4:10. From Nicopolis, Titus went to Dalmatia. Listed in the same list with Demas! Does this mean Titus, while not as bad as Demas, nevertheless abandoned Paul in the end?

### IV. Structure of Paul's Personal Letters.

- A. I Timothy. Organization. Instruction to a leader and for choosing leaders.
- B. II Timothy. What to do when the organization fails. Discipleship. Passing on the truth from one person to the next. II Timothy 2:2.
- ⌘ Titus. Organization. Instruction to a leader and for choosing leaders.
- ℒ Philemon. What to do when relationships among believers fail. Forgiveness. Accepting our fellow believers in spite of wrongs done against us. Showing grace to each other as God shows grace to us. Ephesians 4:32.

V. Conclusion. The man Titus was a close companion of Paul, with him from before his call to ministry in Acts 13, and one in whom Paul had great confidence. He appears to have been kind of a "troubleshooter," being sent to difficult spots like Corinth and Crete. In the end, sadly, Titus appears to have left Paul, along with others. May we be like Titus was in his early life, but may we also endure to the end. II Timothy 4:11-13.