

The Church & Her Leaders

Titus 1.5

Main Idea

Paul tells Titus to put what remained into order by appointing elders in every town. Paul understands that churches led by faithful Pastors are the answer to adorning the doctrine of God.

Overview

To Love Jesus is the Love the church:

- Vs. 5: Putting what remained into order constitutes Paul's intention in writing:
 - Amidst the turmoil of varying false ideas going on in Crete, Paul sees local churches led by Pastors as the answer to having Gods people adorn Gods doctrine:
 - To appoint Pastors is to organize a local church
 - The church is Gods vessel to display His glory to the world (Eph. 3.21)
 - Therefore, to love Jesus is to love His body the church:
 - The New Testament is littered with letters to local churches, therefore living uncommitted to a local church as a Christian is both strange and dangerous

Pastors Lead Gods People for Gods Glory: 1 Timothy 3.5, 5.17, 1 Thessalonians 5.12-13, Hebrews 13.17

1. Model the Kingdom
2. Direct people in the Kingdom

Pastors Feed Gods People for Gods Glory: Titus 1.9

1. Teach Right Doctrine
2. Refute False Doctrine
3. Pray: Acts 6.4

Pastors Protect Gods People for Gods Glory: Acts 20.28-32

1. Against Wolves

Pastors Tend Gods People for Gods Glory: Ezekiel 34.1-6, 1 Peter 5.1-4

1. Sinning Sheep
2. Wandering Sheep
3. Limping Sheep
4. Biting Sheep

Pastors Love Gods People because they Love God: John 13.34-35

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”

Ephesians 4.11-13

Questions

Discussion Starter: *Looking across the spectrum of communities (not just religious ones) what value do communities play in the lives of people?*

1. Read Titus. According to 1:5, 2:10, 14; 3:8. What seems to be the purpose in Paul's writing?
2. Why would elders/pastors be the first thing Paul commends to bring about order amidst chaos? How does this serve to adorn the doctrine of God our Savior? How does this happen today?
3. In what way is Paul commending the ministry of the local church to believers living amidst false ideas?
4. Discuss the ways in which the local church helps lead/guide you to faithfulness when a world full of lies is trying to convince you to stray? Give specific examples.
5. Review the various roles of elders above. Which of these was new or enlightening?
6. In an age that increasingly tells us to cast off authorities and listen to the internal authority of self, why is so important that we follow the leadership of Pastors for the health of Christ's body? Give Scriptural evidence.
7. Read Hebrews 13.17. In what ways can we help in having the Pastors not groan so as to have them be an advantage to you/us? (This may be a good opportunity to read over the Covenant)
8. Spend some time praying for the elders of the church; that they would be faithful. Spend some time praying for the members of the church that they would adorn the doctrine of God and devote themselves to good works.

Accountability Question: *Where are some short falls in your life when you consider the importance of the local church in your life as a believer?*

How have you been encouraged by the ways Restoration Church is ordering itself to adorn the doctrine of God?