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Who is this man, Titus?

Where is Titus (when first recorded) serving with Paul? IICor.7:13-14

First recorded at Corinth, however obviously Paul and Titus had been working together.

What was Titus' task in Corinth? IICor.8:1-6, 16-23 Note 8:23, how Paul felt re Titus

He's to collect/help deliver the love gift from Gentile churches to Jerusalem. My partner

What does this tell us about the character/integrity of Titus? see IICor.12:18

Absolutely tops! He has a demonstrated love for the Lord that shows in all his life.

What powerful example does Titus, even now, provide for us?

How was his integrity later demonstrated to the whole church? Gal.2:1-3 see Titus 1:10, 14

Titus, an uncircumcised Greek (gentile), was Paul's 'demo' of salvation by grace w/o Law!

How had the churches been started in Crete? Acts 2:5-11, 8:1-4

Most likely some from Crete got saved at Pentecost and eventually went back to Crete.

What would have been the most pressing issue for these 'Pentecost' new believers?

They desperately need solid teaching as well as church leadership. Need NT truth!

So, what assignment had Paul given to Titus? Titus 1:5; 2:1

Paul left Titus in Crete to finish organizing/training the leadership of multiple churches.

What was one of the primary challenges facing Titus? 1:10-11 see Acts 15:1

The 'Judaizers' were teaching law mixed w/grace. They MUST be silenced! But how?

Do we see this issue today? How is it most usually seen? Gal.3:1-3

What was another serious issue? 2:11-12

Some were teaching abuse of grace. But grace truly says 'No' to ungodliness/passions.

Do we see this issue today? How is it most usually seen? Rom.6:20-23

And finally, what was the political environment on Crete? 3:1-2

Likely hostile to Christians. Paul gives instructions to Titus on living in that environment.

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We have the completed Scriptures. The Word of God as our teacher and authority!

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