Titus 1:5-9

#### WHY THIS EPISTLE?

- Conviction
- Education
- Sanctification
- Salvation
- Confirmation
- Revelation
- If these are the purposes then all that he writes about is important in helping them fulfill these purposes!

- Paul is giving Titus specific instructions on the subject of church organization and leadership.
- The very first thing that I want to establish is how significant this charge is.
- So, I have some questions for all of us today.
  - ARE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THE SCRIPTURES OPEN TO REJECTION OR DISMISSAL?

- So, I have some questions for all of us today.
  - IF THROUGH THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD'S CHURCH IS TO HAVE MULTIPLE ELDERS AS LEADERS....CAN A CONGREGATION THAT ORGANIZES DIFFERENTLY BE CONSIDERED THE LORD'S CHURCH?
  - This is consistent with Acts 14:23
  - Matt. 7:21 may help us answer this.

- So, I have some questions for all of us today.
  - IF THROUGH THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELDER IN THE LORD'S CHURCH IS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL BE A MAN....CAN A CHURCH BE THE LORD'S CHURCH THAT ALLOWS WOMEN TO BE ELDERS?
  - Is the Holy Spirit capable of anticipating cultural changes when establishing doctrine?

- AN ELDER MUST BE ABOVE REPROACH. THIS IS DEMONSTRATED IN THREE AREAS OF HIS LIFE:
  - In the home
    - Husband of one wife, believing children.
  - In society
    - Vss. 7-8
  - In the church
    - Live by, teach and defend the word.