

Titus 1:5-6

Lesson 5: Firm Foundation

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What does the word "for" point us to?

What are Titus' qualifications?

Titus 1:4, 2 Corinthians 8, Galatians 2:5

What kind of country was Crete?

"A foundation based on God produces steadfast faith and a life, allowing us to be living examples to others" Unknown

What is a foundation?

1 Cor 3:10-11, Rom 15:20, 1 Tim 6:19, 2 Tim 2:19, Heb 6:1, Heb 11:10, Luke 6:48-49

How do we see the role of elders as supporting and adding to the firm foundation?

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POA:

Am I faithfully lifting my pastor, elders and deacons in prayer.

Does that prayer include steadfastness and endurance to adhere to the word of God and not go to the right and the left?

Am I praying for their marriages? Their children? Their relationship with each other?

What am I doing to so they can focus on their task of keeping the church in order and ministering to the flock.

How do I live out **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (NASB)**

¹² But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,

¹³ and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
² For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
² I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
³ The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
³ For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
⁴ My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
⁴ The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“E’en down to old age all My people shall prove
⁵ My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
⁵ And then, when grey hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
⁶ I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
⁶ That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

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