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Introduction

It seems as if Paul and Titus had been together in a ministry on the isle of Crete (Titus 1:5) and Paul had left him to continue on in his journeys, and this letter, like that of the letters to Timothy, was categorized as a pastoral epistle. Paul gives instructions on how the preacher was to conduct himself in his congregation, how men in the church were to qualify as servants of God, and how Titus himself was called upon to be constant in his testimony. In the three chapters, we have detail on even our service today for the cause of Christ.

We have an account here of the closing of Paul's ministry on earth, and it is for this cause Paul was writing to tell Titus to "look up." He, along with us, are to be *looking for that blessed hope* (Titus 2:13). It is clear testimony to 1:4 that he was won to Christ through the ministry of Paul. Had he been proselytized into the Jewish faith, he no doubt would have been circumcised, but no mention is made to this fact, as it was in the case of Timothy, whose mother was a Jewess and his father a Gentile. Nothing is said of the parents of Titus, and as such, it is doubtful if they themselves had come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It seems that Titus may have been the stronger, spiritually, of these two preachers, and he may have also been more mature in age, as well as in his spiritual growth, as Paul spoke little of his standing true to the Gospel.

The three chapters can be broken down in 1) The Divine Order of the Assembly, 2) The Divine Witness of the Assembly, and 3) The Divine Work of the Assembly. It is a call to full time surrender, not only of the pastor but all who were responsible for the ministry of the congregation.

The epistle was probably close to the time of Paul's arrest and pending death, for it calls for one to "look up," and to be watching, waiting and working toward the goal of the *blessed hope* as mentioned in the second chapter.

It is my prayer that in reading this short epistle, you too will be drawn toward a stronger walk in the Lord, as we of today see His approaching.

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Psalm 68:11

Chapter One

The Divine Order Of The Assembly

1. Address And Authentication:

Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour; To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour (1:1-4). There is the usual inscription and salutation, (Tit 1:1-4). In this Paul declares himself to be the author of the epistle, and asserts in the strongest manner his claims to the apostleship. He alludes to the great cause in which, as an apostle, he was engaged--as acting under the eternal plan of God for the salvation of the elect, and appointed to communicate the glorious truths of that system which had been now revealed to mankind. The object of this seems to be to impress the mind of Titus with his right to give him instruction. Should anyone have doubts as to his authority to preach the Gospel, Paul asserts it in his epistles right from the beginning. Again, for this reason there is doubt to the belief by many scholars that Paul was the author of the book of Hebrews, as there is no opening or closing salutation with the mention of his name.

The *hope* of which Paul speaks is not a doubt, but a genuine trust in the promise by God of the fact that we can never lose our salvation, and that He will be with us through our journeys here on earth, and on into eternity itself (Hebrews 13:5).

Grace always precedes *mercy*, from which we are given the *peace of God, which passeth all understanding* (Philippians 4:7), and the *God of peace*, which dwells within our hearts. And grace is "God's Riches At Christ's Expense," so there is no works to be involved on our part for that which was accomplished in full in God's part on Calvary. How anyone can stand and shake their fist in the face of God and say, "I will get to Heaven my own way," is beyond anyone's comprehension, which we shall see later in Titus 3:5-6. Grace is something we are given when we deserve nothing. Mercy is what we do **not** get when we rightfully deserve His full wrath. And peace is what comes into our hearts the moment we surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This "easy belief" by some of "taking Jesus as your Savior" is totally void of the compelling call of the Word of God to surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord of our life. That means, He is the boss and whatever He calls upon us to do, we are to do.

2. Ability And Attitude:

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon

angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers (1:6-9). We don't know the maturity of the Christians in the congregation in Crete, but it becomes obvious that Paul wanted Titus to step in and ***set in order the things that are wanting***, that is, to make sure they are being obedient to the tenets of the Gospel of Christ. Titus was to give oversight to who was to be in charge, and to ordain those who would be the leaders; that is, the preacher to the deacons. Here we have the use of the word ***bishop***, which was one who had oversight (Gr. πρεσβυτερος – the Presbyteria). We have our English equivalent in Presbyterian today, which is the term for one who guides the people, not for the congregation itself. Needless to say, such as to be appointed to such a position was to have a high calling and greater responsibility, not only to those in the assembly, but to his wife, to his children and to himself.

Once again, Paul points out the importance of doctrine. That which has been written in the Bible is the emphasis of our ministry, whether we be a lay person who just witnesses to others or passes out tracts, a deacon who is appointed to be a servant for the people and the Lord, or the preacher. ***All scripture is profitable...for doctrine***. Without doctrine, you have no Bible, for the entire Bible is doctrine, and with it we are to convince those who are in opposition to the truth of the Word of God.

For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake (1:10-11). What is the purpose of folks giving money for “indulgences?” What is the purpose for giving money to “pray for the dead?” It is a filthy, money grabbing system to bilk cash out of people for the sake of making those with backward collars richer. Their “hocus pocus” is nothing but ***vain***, or as one states it, “an soap bubble,” here for one minute all shiny and pretty, but then gone in an instant, never to be seen again. Their mouths must be stopped, as they pervert the truth of the Gospel for their own financial gain. And sad to say, there are others in pseudo-religion that do the same. They stand up and shout, “Something GOOD is going to happen to you today,” and then beg for fifteen minutes for you to send more cash so they can go on their luxurious trips, or add more golden faucets to their expensive houses. No wonder the world calls Christians hypocrites.

One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth (1:12-14). It is a sad commentary when someone of their own country sees the folly of those who profess Christianity but do not possess Christ. They use myths and man-made edicts to keep people from knowing the truth. We have those who go door-to-door, peddling their little blue books and say they are as inspired as God's Word, then when confronted with the truth of Jesus being God will deny it with lying teeth. The Bible says we are not to even let them come into our homes and never to say “good bye” (God speed) to them. God is not with them and will not be, until they turn away from lies and turn to the truth.

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and

disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate (1:15-16). Proverbs 30:20 speaks of an adulterous woman who is the epitome of false religions. *Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.* In the Old Testament, an adulterous woman was always symbolic of false religions, that want to pervert the truth and enter in their own doctrine. That is what man-made religions do, when they deny the truth of the doctrine of Christ and bring in their own set of rules and say you have to obey them or you can't go to heaven. Have you ever heard that you can't get to heaven unless you are baptized? Have you ever heard that the wafer becomes (or is) the body of Christ and the wine they use (not grape juice as in the Scripture) becomes (or is) the blood of Christ? This makes you a cannibal. Or do you know some teach you must worship on Saturday or you are not a Christian? Can you show me anywhere in the Scripture where any of these are upheld? In the beginning of the Christian era, it was circumcision that was necessary for the Gentiles to be saved, and since the entrance of that lie, there have been many others down through the years. How about it being a sin for "common" folk to read the Bible, and that it was intended only for the priests? Do you know according to the Bible **you** are the priest of your household? This is why it is necessary for ministers of the Bible to search the Scripture and speak the truth.

Unbelievers cannot and will not tolerate the truth when it rebukes their error. The truth is, Christians are to them like "round pegs trying to fit into a square hole." We just do not rhyme with the unsaved world. For this reason we are to be aware of false teachers and their false doctrine. As the Word of God says, *from such turn away.*

Chapter Two

Teach And Preach The Truth

1. A Man's Role:

But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience (2:1-2). Once again Paul mentions the importance of *sound doctrine*. He uses the phrase *doctrine* no less than three times in this short letter (1:9; 2:1; 2:10). The number one thing of importance to this young congregation was the apostles' doctrine as given to them by inspiration of God (II Timothy 3:16). The moment any preacher, Sunday school teacher or lay person gets away from the doctrine of God, they get into confusing people with man's thoughts and man's lies.

The *aged men* can be those in the congregation that are older than Titus, or it can also mean the "presbytery," the leaders of the people. They were to be men who would be circumspect in their attitude towards others. They were to be honorable, or men who were venerated for their wisdom in serving God. They were to be discreet or sober in their judgments. And of course, they were to be uncorrupted by the wants and lusts of the world, showing love and care for others, and of course, having staying power in their service to their community and congregation.

3. A Woman's Responsibility:

The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed (2:3-5). Paul now goes from the older men to the *aged women*, setting in order their attitude, not only in congregational services, but also in their every day life. It seems strange that the problem we have today when women get together was the same problem they had in earlier days, one of lives being anything but holy, and tongues that cannot speak anything except gossip, lies and slander, as well as a penchant towards alcoholic drink.

The phrase *love their husbands* is not the $\alpha\gamma\alpha\pi\eta$ sacrificial love that is supposed to be the command to men, but a "holy reverence" towards their husbands. The word has the meaning of fondness and wanting to please only them, not that of other men who may prey on their weakness in the flesh. Such is also the word used in their love toward their children, a fondness and total devotion toward them. This is what the aged women were to teach the younger, so they would be *keepers at home*. This should shed light on those who think they have to go out in the work force. I personally don't think God intended for women to be the bread winners of the home, although there are occasions where the man is incapable of working and the women has to help support the family.

There are women today who will say, “Well, the Bible never says a woman is to obey her husbands,” hence they want the phrase “love, honor and obey,” especially obey, taken out of the marriage vow. But clearly we see that wives are to be *obedient to their own husbands*, and I believe Paul intended for emphasis to be on *their own husbands*. Why would he otherwise put that in there, except for the fact that to do otherwise is to be blasphemous toward God.

3. A Young Man’s Responsibility:

Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you (2:6-8). You put a group of young men together, and sooner or later, jokes will start flying, and most of the time they are what would be called “off color” jokes, those type you would not dare mention to your preacher. But this is no way young Christian men should act. Their conversation should be that of which would reflect glory to the name of Jesus Christ. Their attitude should be one of *gravity*, or that which is honest and venerable. They should have *sincerity*, or as the Latin phrase would render it, “without cement.” In the days of the Caesars when one was commissioned to sculpt a statue, if there would be a small chip in the material, they would use a plaster to fill the defect, which would not be noticed until the statue was submitted to the heat of the every day sun. Then the chip would become noticeable. To guarantee their work, those who commissioned the work would have the engraver sign a contract that would be of such to certify that their work would be “sene cere,” or without cement. Such is what should be the mindset of young men; that which is without corruption. And such should be their speech, so that others who may hear them talking, they would have nothing in which to reflect shame to the name of Christ, and they would be unable to speak anything against them.

4. A Servant’s Representation:

Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things (2:9-10). Unfortunately, we have those today who when asked to do something, may give the snide reply, “That is not in my contract.” If your supervisor asks you to do something, then do it without any back talk or complaining. Remember that phrase, *God our Saviour*, because you will see it once again in the final chapter, clarifying just who God is. Here, we have a further exhortation from Paul, this time to servants, or as we would call them today, employees. Far too often, if an employee happens to be a Christian and has a saved boss, there will be a tendency to take advantage of the situation and think that the *servant* can do a little less than the others, because the supervisor will let him get by. But quite the contrary, most of the time the supervisor will demand more from the Christian than from the unsaved, simply because the unsaved will be looking at the saved employee and watch to see if they will in actuality *please them* [the masters] *well in all things*.

I can recall when I was fresh out of high school going to work at a battery factory in my hometown, and had my uncle (who also happened to be saved) as the overall supervisor of the entire factory. We rode together to work every day, and he was careful to let me know that he was demanding more from me than from the others, simply because I was a Christian, more or less his nephew. For this reason, I tried to do more than was expected and have all my work done at the end of my shift. And I did it without complaining that I thought he was being harsh on me.

To *purloin* is to embezzle or to steal. There once was the case where a boss was considering one of his men for an important position in his company; one that would pay more than double what he was currently earning. After the end of the day, the boss was walking towards the man's cubicle to let him know, and happen to come upon him when he saw him reach into his desk to take a box of paperclips home. It was just a small thing to the man, but ended up costing him tremendously, because his employer could no longer trust him. How often has an employee used a company pen, put it in the shirt pocket and then proceeded to take it home, only to return the next day and do the same thing again? And then, how many have embezzled hundreds or thousands of dollars, and thought nothing of it?

Fidelity is honesty, trustworthy and loyal. It is taking care of the property that has been entrusted to the employee. If the boss gives you the key to a company car, it is your responsibility to drive with caution, so as not to endanger the company's property or the lives of others. As one once stated it, "A man's greatest ability is his dependability." I think we could add to that responsibility and capability. Whatever it is you are to do, do it with all your might. There is a verse in the Old Testament that says, *Now then, do it* (Second Samuel 3:18), which when said by Samuel, meant that the people of Israel were to go into the Promised Land and take it. Today, when a boss says to do something, don't argue and fuss. Do the job and do it right the first time, and as best you can do it.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works (2:11-14). One of the greatest, if not the greatest, downfall of any man is *the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life* (First John 2:16). There is a Sunday school chorus that my wife and I taught the young people to sing. "Oh be careful little eyes what you see. Oh be careful little eyes what you see. For the Father up above is looking down with tender love. Oh be careful little eyes what you see." Proverbs 27:20 says, *...the eyes of man are never satisfied*. No matter how much they see of sensual things, they want to see more and more. That is why in those involved in pornography are not satisfied with just looking at a naked body, but want to get even further involved in photographing, and then making movies of the most obscene things you can imagine. Why? That is what evil man wants to see. And he is never satisfied, but wants to see more and more. But Christians are to deny this ungodliness and the lust of the world. To live *soberly* is to strictly deny their eyes and bodies the pleasures that are only to be partaken of in the marriage between a man and a woman.

We are to live the right kind of life, one that reflects the Holy Spirit that indwells us, and to keep our eyes focused on looking for the return of Christ to take us home, the hope that all Christians should have.

These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee (2:17). Finally, Paul says these are the things that Christians should reflect in their lives; telling others of the love of Jesus Christ, compelling or urging them to turn from their sin, admit that they are sinners and that Jesus died to take away their sin, then ask Him to come into their heart as Lord and Savior. And to ***rebuke with all authority*** is to use the greatest authority that we have, the Holy Bible, and the Holy Spirit that indwells us.

If you happen to be a young preacher, as was Titus and Timothy, you are not to let anyone despise you in your desire to serve the Lord with all your heart. This is the final charge given Titus in this chapter, and then comes the grand closing.

Chapter Three

The Effort Of Good Works

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men (3:1-2). Let me submit a question to you. Where do you suppose Paul may have been at the time he had written this epistle? He had been in a prison, probably shortly before he wrote his final note to Timothy, and awaiting his own martyrdom for the cause of Christ. But here he calls upon Titus to be submissive to all who were in charge, even those who would eventually rule against the ministry Titus had in that region. Yet Paul calls upon him to be obedient to the courts and their system, to be obedient to the rules of his city, speaking no ill against those over him, and to have an attitude of humility to all.

But what should be the rule when it comes to those who tell us not to speak in the name of Jesus Christ? We are to be as the disciples had done. ***We ought to obey God rather than men*** (Acts 5:29). There is a time that a Christian has to be obedient to a higher power, when called upon to disobey God. As Acts 4:20 states, ***For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard***. Today, we hear so much about “church and state,” ruling that we have no right to witness on public streets or in government buildings. But we must do that which we are called upon to do, and that is to tell of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, in our homes, in our schools, wherever we go.

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another (3:3). What a striking example of the unsaved world! And this is what our lives used to be, before we came to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. You can go into any home of the unsaved and you will see this exemplified. God into most businesses and you will see calendars depicting the attitude of the world. Those who are not saved are in light of the Word of God ***foolish***.

I recently received an e-mail that was telling about an attorney that was in court to be advocate on behalf of an atheist who was suing the government for not having a legal holiday, complaining that Christians, Jews and other religions have holidays for their religion. The court promptly dismissed the case, to the dismay of the attorney. “But your honor, all these other religions have legal holidays, and I believe it is only right that those who are atheists have a holiday too.” The judge promptly spoke up and said, “But they do have a holiday. April 1 is April Fool’s Day, and anyone who doesn’t believe in God must not realize Psalm 14:1 says, ***The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God***. So if atheists don’t believe there is a God, then they must be fools. Case dismissed.”

Such is the character of those who don’t believe in Jesus Christ. They are not only foolish, but disobedient to the Scriptures, deceived by Satan, serving their own lusts and fleshly desires, hateful and full of envy, pride and even hating themselves.

But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he

shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (3:4-7). Here is the verses that you must realize, that if God is our Savior v.4) and Jesus Christ is our Savior (v.6), then Jesus is God. Here is one verse that the Jehovah's Witnesses ignore, because it proves them to be a false religion, hence a cult. Whenever anyone denies that Jesus is God come in the flesh (First John 4:2-3; Second John verse seven), then they show their false religion. It is because of the compassion, kindheartedness and love of God that He allowed His Son to come into the world, so that through Him, we might have the very righteousness of God, because of forgiveness of our sins through the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men (3:8). Once more Paul mentions good works, but not in order to be saved, but because we have **believed in God** and trusted Him for our salvation. We work for Him because of our love for Him. And without witnessing of the love of God, mankind would be eternally lost. There is no one else that the Lord can use to tell a sinful and dying world of the love of Jesus Christ, so He leaves us here to do the work of an evangelist; one who speaks forth the "good news," or Gospel of God.

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain (3:9). Why is it when men or women are confronted with the knowledge of their sin, they begin to argue and ask questions to get you off the subject of salvation? Remember the woman at the well, when confronted by Jesus? She tried to change the subject. Do you think you can do any better? People will avoid the truth of their sinful condition as much as possible. "Well, would I have to be baptized if I get saved?" Believe it or not, bringing up that question means, yes, they will now have to be baptized, because they made that the argument. They have to be willing to submit to baptism. "Can you prove from the Bible that the world was created by God, and not through evolution?" The answer to that is simple. "If I can show you from the Bible how God created the world, will you receive Christ as Savior and Lord?" If it is a sincere question, they won't balk at saying yes. But if it is an argument, then they will try to bring up some other excuse. Arguments need to be avoided, because you will never win the argument. As it says in this verse, it brings nothing but contention and further arguments, which are no better than a "soap bubble." That is why Jesus said, **Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.** And remember, dogs and swine in the Scripture are always symbolic of something unclean. Dogs return to eat their own vomit and hogs love to waddle in the mud. In other words, don't waste your time on someone who wants to argue. There are plenty more out in the world who know they need a Savior and are eager to hear.

A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself (3:10-11). A heretic is someone who teaches something that is repugnant to the truth of the Word of God. Such person is to be avoided. Second John, verses nine through eleven tell us, **Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house,**

neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. This is why when the Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses and all the other cults come to your door, you are not even to allow them in your home, and definitely are **not** to say, "Good Bye," for in so doing, you are saying, "God be with you." And God is not with them and never will be until they repent, confess their sins and ask Jesus Christ to come into their heart. They are those who pervert the truth. We are but to lovingly tell them that Jesus Christ is God, and give them the Gospel, but not to allow them to peddle their books or false doctrine. To do so, you become no better than they, because you become a ***partaker*** of their evil deeds.

When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter. Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them (3:12-13). Closing out the epistle, Paul brings to remembrance those who up until this time had stood with him in service to the Lord. It is nice to know that in anyone's ministry, there are those who will stand with and pray for a preacher. They need more prayer than we can imagine, because it is they who are bombarded by Satan, attempting to get them to fall into sin and ruin their testimony and stain the ministry of God to an unsympathetic world.

And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful (3:14). Once more Paul mentions ***good works***. Jesus calls upon us to be His witnesses throughout the world. We are to produce fruit, more fruit and much fruit (John 15:2-8). When you have a fruit orchard, you have to prune the trees so that the smaller branches will not impede the growth on the main branches. You cultivate the ground to keep the soil capable of enriching the roots and allowing the sap to spread in the vine and branches. So is it with Christians in their witnessing. You give forth the fruit, with the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). You cultivate it by keeping on being a witness to the lost with the Gospel, planting and watering the seed, until it becomes fruitful in the salvation of the soul. This is the work that we must do.

All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen 3:15). Paul concludes his love letter to Titus with greetings from all who had been with him, and calls upon them to be greeted with a "holy handshake." Then with a reminder of all Jesus Christ had done, he says, ***Grace be with you all. Amen***. So be it. May the Lord's grace also abide in your heart.