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How many letters are traditionally attributed to St. Paul?

How many Pauline Epistles refer to Silas?

How many Pauline Epistles refer to Titus?

How many Pauline Epistles refer to Timothy?

### WHO IS ST. TIMOTHY?

"Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek..." Acts 16:1

### WE AREN'T HERE BY ACCIDENT

"The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek." Acts 16:2-3

### MINISTRY REQUIRES SACRIFICIAL OBEDIENCE

"When Timothy comes, see to it that he has nothing to fear while he is with you, for he is carrying on the work of the Lord, just as I am." 1 Corinthians 16:10

### OUR DIFFERENCES MAKE US STRONGER

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." Romans 12:6-8

"For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, <u>my son whom I love</u>, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church." 1 Corinthians 4:17

"<u>I have no one else like him</u>, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because <u>as a son with his father</u> he has served with me in the work of the gospel." Philippians 2:19-2

"Do your best to come to me <u>quickly</u>...Do your best to get here before winter..." 2 Timothy 4:9,21

### WE ALL NEED EACH OTHER



"When I first opened On the Incarnation, I soon discovered I was reading a masterpiece... for only a master mind could have written so deeply on a subject with such classical simplicity." C.S. Lewis

### ARIUS: "THE LOGOS IS CREATURE, NOT CREATOR."

"What you understand can't possibly be God." Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430 AD)

"We speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory..." 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

"God is one, yet God is three. Jesus is human, yet Jesus is divine. These paradoxes are truths-in-tension; they strain the brain and summon the human mind to bow in awe and worship." Marcellino D'Ambrosio

# ATHANASIUS: "CHRIST IS GOD THE LOGOS, HE CONSUBSTANTIAL (OF ONE ESSENCE) WITH THE FATHER."

"Even while present in a human body and himself quickening it (giving life), he was, without inconsistency, quickening the universe as well, and was in every process of nature... He was not bound to his body, but rather was himself wielding it, so that he was not only in it, but was actually in everything." St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation* 

### SALVATION IS MORE THAN AN ERASURE OF DEBT; IT IS THE HEALING OF MAN.

"The human being – made rational and in the image of God – was now disappearing and the work made by God was being obliterated."

St. Athanasius, On the Incarnation

"...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue... [that] you may be partakers of the divine nature." 2 Peter 1:3-4

"The eternal life won for us is not eternal in the sense that it is an unending experience of the human existence that is all too familiar to us. No, it is a qualitatively different kind of life, eternal in the sense that it is participation in the life of the Eternal One...Only One who is God and is full possession of the divine nature can impart that nature to us by means of grace." Marcellino D'Ambrosio

# BECAUSE HE IS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN, JESUS CHRIST CAN FULLY UNITE WITH GOD AND MAN.

"Inasmuch as he is good, he [God] did not leave them destitute of the knowledge of Himself, lest they should find no profit in existing at all... Why did God make them at all, as he did not wish to be known by them? Whence, lest this should be so, being good, he gives them a share in his own image, our Lord Jesus Christ, and makes them after his own image and after his likeness: so that by such grace perceiving the image, that is the Word of the Father, they may be able through Him to get an idea of the Father, and knowing their maker, live the happy and truly blessed life." St. Athanasius, On the Incarnation

### LESSONS LEARNED

- 1. Fight for truth, not beliefs.
- 2. Don't limit yourself to what you can explain.
- 3. You don't need prominence to have significance.

"His epitaph is Athanasius contra mundum, "Athanasius against the world". We are proud that our own country has more than once stood against the world. Athanasius did the same. He stood for the Trinitarian doctrine, "holy and undefiled", when it looked as if all the civilized world was slipping back from Christianity into the religion of Arius – into one of those "sensible" synthetic religions which are so strongly recommended today and which, then as now, included among their devotees many highly cultivated clergyman. It is his glory that he did not move with the times; it is his reward that he now remains when those times, as all times do, have moved away." C.S. Lewis

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