

this example and will seek to explain to the people what has happened.

The text that I have taken is from Paul, as he writes young Timothy, where he says that "from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures." Timothy had been taught the Scriptures—and the reference there, of course, was to the Old Testament, because the New Testament was not completed and what Paul was here writing was to become a part of it. The Old Testament Scriptures were considered to be holy. Furthermore, the Apostle Paul is making it plain that young Timothy has been familiar with these things all his life.

Paul says in Romans 1:1 that he is "a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures)." So these prophets were men who belonged to God; the work that they accomplished was a holy work; and Paul says, Timothy, you were taught these things from your youth. And as Timothy was taught them from his youth, we have been taught them from our youth. And we are determined that our youth today shall be taught the holy Scriptures from their childhood, that they may be well established in the Word of the living God.

As I develop this and explain it, I want it to have the tremendous response that you should have in your heart in devotion to the Word and in determination that we will teach it to our children and that we all shall be established in this blessed and most holy faith.

Now I propose to read to you from a Sunday school publication that I have in my hand. I am not going to identify the source of it until after I have read it and discussed it. This is the lesson for October 4. "John Wesley and the apostle Paul would have been amazed at our means of communication today. Lacking intercontinental television and even the telephone, they used the best means of communication at hand. They wrote letters.

Paul Did Not Write Letters to Timothy and Titus?

"We have many of Paul's letters in the heart of the New Testament. But there were later letters by other leaders. Three of these are called 'Pastoral Epistles' because they were addressed to pastors of local churches. The letters are First and Second Timothy and Titus. Scholars date the first two at about A.D. 125, and Titus anywhere from 100 to 125.

"But you may say, all three Letters plainly state that they were written by Paul—the first two to Timothy, his 'true child in the faith,' and the third to Titus, another assistant in the work of establishing Christian churches in Europe and Asia.