

THE ARGVMENT OF THE EPISTLE OF S. PAVL TO TITVS.

That Titus was a Gentil, and not a Iew, and that he was in S. Paules traine, at the leaft the 14. yeare after his conuerfion, if not before, we vnderftand by the *Epiftle to the Galatians c. 2.* And that he continued with him to the very end, appeareth in the *fecond to Timothee c. 4.* Where he maketh mention that he fent him from Rome into Dalmatia, when himfelf was shortly after to be put to death.

And therefore although S. Luke neuer name him in the Actes, as neither himfelf, yet no doubt he comprehendeth him commonly, when he fpeaketh thus in the firft perfon plural: *Forthwith we fought to goe into Macedonia. Act. 16.* For S. Paul alfo fent him to Corinth, between the writing of his 1. & 2. to the Corinthians (which time concurreth with *Act. 19.*) by occafion whereof he maketh much and honourable mention of him in the faid fecond Epiftle *c. 2. & c. 7.* and againe he fent him with the fame Epiftle: both times about great matters: fo that no doubt he was euen them alfo a Bishop, and receiued accordingly of the Corinthians, *with feare and trembling. 2. Cor. 7. v. 15.* But the fame is plainer in this Epiftle to himfelf. *c. 1. v. 5.* Where the Apoftle faith: *for this caufe I left thee at Crete, &c.* By which words it is manifefte alfo, that this Epiftle was not written during the ftorie of the Actes (feeing that no mention is there of S. Paules being in the ile of Crete) but after his difmiffion at Rome out of his firft trouble, and before his fecond or laft trouble there, as is euident by thefe words: *When I fhall fend to thee Artemas or Tychicus, make haft to come to me to Nicopolis, for there I haue determined to winter. Tit. 3.*

Therefore he inftituteth him (and in him al Bifhops) much like as he doth Timothee, what qualities he muft require in them that he fhall make Priests and Bifhops, in what fort to preach, and to teach al forts of men, to commend good workes vnto them: finally, himfelf to be their example in al goodnes.