

Together on the Journey

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Titus 3:3-15
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The Gospel

³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Good Works

⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

False Teaching

⁹ But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. ¹⁰ Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. ¹¹ You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.

Titus 3:1-2 tells us what we are supposed to do and how we are called to live as Christians. The next nine verses (Titus 3:3-11) give us the reason why we should live that way, and it provides the inspiration, motivation, power and energy that shapes this everyday mission for us.

Read through the remainder of our passage in Titus, and highlight anything that stands out to you, or that you would like to know more about.

1. For those in the group who have cell phones or devices, assign them a key word in verse 3 to look up and give the definition to the group. (for instance, "Bob" looks up the word foolish in an online dictionary and shares the best definition he finds . . . etc.)
2. How does this help paint the picture of how darkened we were before trusting Christ?
3. In v. 4 Paul mentions that the love of God "appeared." There are three other places in Titus where Paul mentions God "appearing." (1:3, 2:11, 13) Why is this important?
4. Pastor Larry mentioned that just like God appeared to us when we were hateful fools, we are also commanded to "appear" in the lives of others. Have you ever done the godly thing, only to be met with malice or envy? How do these verses encourage you to keep going?
5. Consider memorizing Titus 3:5-7.
6. Looking back over our study in Titus, what's most important for you to remember

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