

Series "Order In The Church"
"Church In The World"
Titus 3:1-8
Study-6

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Matthew 5:13-16

Titus 1 – Godliness In The Church: Titus 1:10-11

Titus 2 – Godliness In The Individual/Home: Titus 2:1

Titus 2:15

Titus 3 – Godliness In The World: Before authorities and neighbors.

Thought Of Our Passage: Heavenly Citizenship Does Not Excuse Our Responsibilities As Citizens On Earth, But Grace Propels Unto Good Works.

1. Verses 1-2 – The Reminder

2. Verses 3-7 – The Reason

3. Verse 8 – The Reassurance

1. Verses 1-2 – The Reminder:

Titus 3

The Context – Titus 2:11

Titus 2:15

"Remind them" – 2 Thessalonians 2:15

2 Peter 1:12-13

7 Reminders For Believers:

- 1. Our Behavior** – "to be subject to rulers, to authorities," – word "subject" – Military term "to place oneself under, to be obedient, to be subordinate" (1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 17:24-27; 22:15-22; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17).

1 Timothy 2:1-2

“Remind them” – literally, “Titus, keep on reminding them, cause them to remember.”

Romans 13: 1

- 2. Our Works** – “to be obedient,” – this speaks of obedience to particular commands of government.

Acts 5:29

- 3. Our Support** – “to be ready for every good deed,” – (“Good Works” – 6X) “cooperating in those matters that involve the whole community.”

Romans 13: 3

Titus 3:2

“to malign no one,” – or “no man”

- 4. Our Words** – “to malign no one,” – “to speak harmful untruths about; speak evil of; slander; defame, heap curses upon, blaspheme.”
- 5. Our Ways** – “to be peaceable,” – (not a brawler) Not contentious or quarrelsome; should not use an opportunity for a fight, (Outward) Acts 26: 24-25.
- 6. Our Manner** – “gentle,” – The word “gentle” is the opposite of contentious; “fair and moderate, instead of being aggressive and pugnacious” (Outward).
- 7. Our Meekness** – “showing every consideration for all men.” – “sweet reasonableness; to show true humility towards all men” (Inward).

2 Timothy 2:25

2. Verses 3-7 – The Reason:

Titus 3:3

“For we also once were foolish ourselves,” – 1 Timothy 1: 13

“also once were foolish” – the term “foolish” – “without understanding, lacking in spiritual discernment”, Romans 1:28.

Ephesians 4:18

List Of 7 Ungodly Virtues:

1. **“disobedient,”** – (Attitude) “unpersuadable and incompilant towards God and His law.”
2. **“deceived,”** – (Led astray) “made to wander from the path of truth, deceived through following their own unaided intellect.”
3. **“enslaved to various lusts and pleasures,”** – allowing the strong, evil desires to dominate our life in conduct.

John 8:34

2 Peter 2:19

4. **“spending our life in malice”** – the word “malice” – “wickedness, depravity, badness, especially of the mind and character, ill-will and desire to injure.”
5. **“and envy,”** – “to look with ill-will at another person because of what he is or has; begrudges others of their good fortune”, Proverbs 14:30.

1 Corinthians 13:4

6. **“hateful,”** – (Only used here) “detestable, offensive, disgusting, a heart full of hatred”, Jeremiah 17:9.

7. **“hating one another.”** – “Haters”

Titus 3:4

Kindness Is The Starting Point Of Our Salvation: “kindness of God” – Romans 2:4

“and His love for mankind” – “love-towards-man”. We get our word “Philanthropy”; God’s pity towards mankind.

Galatians 2:20

“appeared,” – Titus 2:11: “For the grace of God has appeared,”

Titus 3:5

“He saved us,” – 1 John 5:13

Galatians 2:16

"but according to His mercy," – "mercy is the withholding of what is due."

The Means Of Salvation: "by the washing" – "act of bathing or washing"; only used 2X and in Ephesians 5:26.

"regeneration" – used 2X in NT; Matthew 19:28 – literally means "new birth, being born again, new birth of the soul"; the application of the Word of God to the heart and conscience. 1 Peter 1:23

The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Salvation: "and renewing by the Holy Spirit," Romans 12:2.

Titus 3:6

The Trinity In Salvation: "whom" – God The Holy Spirit; "He" – God The Father; "poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ" – God The Son; "our Savior,"

"through Jesus Christ our Savior," – John 14:16

John 16:7

The Deity Of Jesus Christ – "Jesus Christ our Savior" – Titus 2:13, Titus 3:4.

Verse 7 – Results Of Salvation: Titus 3:7

"Justified" – "the act of God the Father whereby he counts our sins to be Christ's and Christ's righteousness to be ours", 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Made Heirs: "heirs according to the hope of eternal life." – This is not a future hope but a present reality.

Romans 5:5

3. Verse 8 – The Reassurance:

Titus 3:8

Reassurance: "This is a trustworthy statement;" – Faithful is this saying; "and concerning these things" – Complete confidence in the truths that he just stated in Titus 3:4-7.

"I want you to speak confidently," – Because these things are true you need to speak them!

Belief – "so that those who have believed God"

Behavior – "will be careful to engage in good deeds." ("Good Works" – 6X)

Titus 1:16

"are good and profitable for men." They are right, and bring life.

Application:

1. Christians Submitted To God's Authority Make The Best Citizens.
2. The New Birth Changes Everything; Our Standing Before God And Our Behavior Before Man.
3. God's Word Assures Believers Of God's Great Kindness And Love Towards Us. We Have Been Justified Through Grace, And Have Been Made Heirs To The Hope Of Eternal Life.