

Titus 3:1-8

Be Ready for Every Good Work

3 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. 3 **For** we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 **But** when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, **but** according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 **so that** being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, **so that** those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

The pay day for sin is eternal death

"SIN WILL TAKE YOU FARTHER THAN YOU WANT TO GO, IT WILL KEEP YOU LONGER THAN YOU WANT TO STAY, AND IT WILL COST YOU MORE THAN YOU WANT TO PAY."

Worship...

EVEN WHEN I DON'T SEE THAT YOUR WORKING
EVEN WHEN I DON'T FEEL THAT YOUR WORKING
YOU ARE WORKING!

THE GOSPEL IS TO BE LIVED OUT,
OUTSIDE THE FOUR WALLS OF OUR
HOME.

WHAT IS A HEALTHY CHURCH?

A HEALTHY CHURCH IS A COMMUNITY OF JESUS FOLLOWERS THAT INCREASINGLY REFLECTS HIS CHARACTER AND ADVANCES HIS KINGDOM WITH A SHARED MISSION, SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY (AS GOD SEES IT), AND TRUSTED LEADERSHIP AS REVEALED IN HIS WORD AND ENABLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WE SEE THE *what* OF CHRISTIANS IN PUBLIC LIFE, V. 1-2.

1. WE ARE TO SUBMIT TO ALL AUTHORITY, V.1.

REMINDE THEM TO SUBMIT TO RULERS AND AUTHORITIES, TO OBEY, TO BE READY FOR EVERY GOOD WORK...

ROMANS 13:1-2

13:1 LET EVERYONE SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES, SINCE THERE IS NO AUTHORITY EXCEPT FROM GOD, AND THE AUTHORITIES THAT EXIST ARE INSTITUTED BY GOD. 2 SO THEN, THE ONE WHO RESISTS THE AUTHORITY IS OPPOSING GOD'S COMMAND, AND THOSE WHO OPPOSE IT WILL BRING JUDGMENT ON THEMSELVES.

1 PETER 2:13-15

13 SUBMIT TO EVERY HUMAN AUTHORITY BECAUSE OF THE LORD, WHETHER TO THE EMPEROR AS THE SUPREME AUTHORITY 14 OR TO GOVERNORS AS THOSE SENT OUT BY HIM TO PUNISH THOSE WHO DO WHAT IS EVIL AND TO PRAISE THOSE WHO DO WHAT IS GOOD. 15 FOR IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT YOU SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH PEOPLE BY DOING GOOD.

2. WE ARE TO BE GODLY TOWARDS ALL PEOPLE, V.2.

2 TO SLANDER NO ONE, TO AVOID FIGHTING, AND TO BE KIND, ALWAYS SHOWING GENTLENESS TO ALL PEOPLE.

WE SEE THE *why* OF CHRISTIANS IN PUBLIC LIFE, VV.3-7.

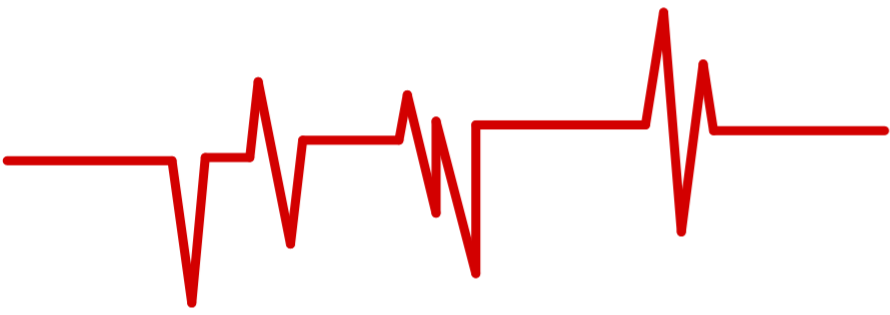
1. WE WERE ONCE ENSLAVED BY SIN, V.3.

3 FOR WE TOO WERE ONCE FOOLISH, DISOBEDIENT, DECEIVED, ENSLAVED BY VARIOUS PASSIONS AND PLEASURES, LIVING IN MALICE AND ENVY, HATEFUL, DETESTING ONE ANOTHER.

2. GOD SAVED US IN OUR SIN, VV.4-7.

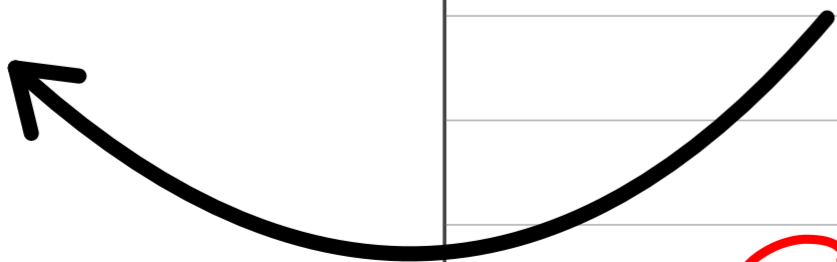
4 BUT WHEN THE KINDNESS OF GOD OUR SAVIOR AND HIS LOVE FOR MANKIND APPEARED, 5 HE SAVED US--NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT WE HAD DONE, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY--THROUGH THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. 6 HE Poured OUT HIS SPIRIT ON US ABUNDANTLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR





ASK MYSELF

1. IN WHAT WAYS IS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFT OF GOD, SHOWN IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE?
2. HOW CAN I SERVE BETTER, SO THAT MY FAITH MAY BE STRENGTHENED?
3. DO MY ACTIONS ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO SHOW LOVE FOR THOSE AROUND?
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5. ARE MY ACTIONS CREATING SILENCE IN CRITICS WHO DEVALUE THE GOODNESS OF BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY?
6. DO MY WORKS/ACTIONS GLORIFY GOD?



Check myself

When DID THE KINDNESS AND LOVE OF GOD OUR SAVIOR AND FATHER APPEAR?
GALATIANS 1:15-16A, 15 BUT WHEN GOD, WHO FROM MY MOTHER'S WOMB SET ME APART AND CALLED ME BY HIS GRACE, WAS PLEASED 16 TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME...

How DID HE APPLY HIS SAVING WORK IN US?

EPHESIANS 1:13-14, 13 IN HIM YOU ALSO WERE SEALED WITH THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT WHEN YOU HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION, AND WHEN YOU BELIEVED. 14 THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE DOWN PAYMENT OF OUR INHERITANCE, UNTIL THE REDEMPTION OF THE POSSESSION, TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY.

How WERE WE JUSTIFIED (NOT MADE RIGHTEOUS BUT DECLARED RIGHTEOUS) ONCE AND FOR ALL?

ROMANS 5:1, 1 THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

What ARE WE TO GOD NOW THAT WE HAVE SAVED?

ROMANS 8:14-17, 14 FOR ALL THOSE LED BY GOD'S SPIRIT ARE GOD'S SONS. 15 FOR YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A SPIRIT OF SLAVERY TO FALL BACK INTO FEAR. INSTEAD, YOU RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION, BY WHOM WE CRY OUT, ABBA, FATHER! 16 THE SPIRIT HIMSELF TESTIFIES TOGETHER WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN, 17 AND IF CHILDREN, ALSO HEIRS -HEIRS OF GOD AND COHEIRS WITH CHRIST -IF INDEED WE SUFFER WITH HIM SO THAT WE MAY ALSO BE GLORIFIED WITH HIM.

SIX BENEFITS OF GOOD WORKS

1. GOOD WORKS MANIFEST OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HIS SON, COL. 2:6.
2. GOOD WORKS BOLSTER OUR ASSURANCE OF FAITH, 1 JOHN: 2:1-6.
3. GOOD WORKS ARE A MEANS OF ENCOURAGING OTHER CHRISTIANS TOWARD GREATER ACTS OF CHRIST-CENTERED LOVE, HEB. 10:24.
4. GOOD WORKS ARE CONCRETE AVENUES FOR ADORNING THE DOCTRINE OF GOD OUR SAVIOR IN LIFE AND MINISTRY, TITUS 2:7-10.
5. GOOD WORKS SILENCE CRITICS WHO DEVALUE THE GOODNESS OF BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY, 1 PETER 2:12-15.
6. GOOD WORKS GLORIFY GOD BY DISPLAYING HIS WORK OF LOVE IN OUR LIVES, JOHN 15:8-11.