

# **From Grace to Good**

Lesson 8

Titus 3:1-15

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## **Living Good Out of Gratefulness**

### **Introduction**

As a closing thought to Titus in Chapter 3, Paul reminded Titus of not only how God saved those who put their faith in Him but how it transforms their lives afterward. Paul described in this chapter what salvation means to a Christian and what changes we can expect in our character when Christ enters our lives.

Everyone is an utter sinner and without excuse, but Christ reached out in his infinite goodness and mercy to give us new life and new hope. Not because of anything that we have done (or could do), but rather because of His grace. And as a free gift, we are given eternal life and a new character when we have faith in Christ's work on the cross.

When we experience God's goodness and grace, our lives are changed for good. Furthermore, the grace of God does not stop at the conversion process but continues as we progress in our walk with Him. Through this walk, we are continually refined as we are reminded of His mercy, and we are motivated to leave our old behaviors behind and replace them with the good works that show our hope in Christ.

God's mercy is remarkable not only because it justifies us despite our sinful nature but also because it transforms our sinful nature continually.

***Memory verse: "But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit."—Titus 3:3-4***

Pray and read Titus 3:1-15. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

**What does the passage say?**

1. What did Paul tell Titus to remind his congregation to do? (Titus 3:1-2)
2. What did Paul say that he and Titus were like before they were saved by grace? (Titus 3:3)
3. What happened that allowed people to be saved? (Titus 3:5-7)
4. Why did Christ save them (and us)? (Titus 3:5)
5. What is the value of arguments and divisiveness? (Titus 3:9)
6. How many times should a divisive person be warned? How does Paul categorize such people? (Titus 3:10-11)

## **What does the passage mean?**

1. Paul described himself (and others) in pretty ungodly terms in verses 2-3. How did faith in Christ change this? (Titus 3:3-4)
2. What do verses 4-7 tell us about how God saved us? (Titus 3:4-7)
3. Why are grace and faith so crucial in the salvation process? (Titus 3:4-8)
4. Why is it essential that those that have trusted God do good works? (Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:8)

5. Why do you think Paul warned about quarreling and bickering immediately after describing God's grace to us and the importance of doing good works? (Titus 3:9-11)

### **Applying the passage**

1. Think and pray for a few minutes about what your life was like before you were saved. Write down a few sentences that describe what you once were. Does that sound like how Paul described himself before he was saved? (Titus 3:3)

2. Think for a minute about how your life would look without the grace that comes from Christ's death on the cross. How hard would you have to work to feel justified in front of God? (Titus 3:4-7)

3. How do the facts of God's saving us through grace motivate you to do good works? (Titus 3:8)