

# COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS

### LESSON 3

#### TITUS 3:1-15

#### WEEK OF JUNE 8 – JUNE 13

### LIVING AS LIGHTS IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS

Paul concludes Titus chapter 2 in verse 15 with practical preaching instruction. “These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority.” He continues in chapter 3 with more instruction to “remind them” to (a) submit to and obey government authorities (vs.1), (b) treat all men with gentleness and consideration (vs2), (c) remember their own fallen, sinful condition before salvation (vs 3), (d) recall God’s gracious gift of an undeserved, unmerited salvation (vs.4-7) and (e) be intentional to engage in good deeds (vs 8); all of which provided a marked contrast between the believers and the rebellious, lazy, evil, gluttonous Cretans. Paul concludes his letter to Titus emphasizing again the importance of engaging in fruitful, good deeds which provide visible evidence of a life transformed by faith in Jesus Christ.

#### Read Titus 3:1-3.

1. What is Titus to remind the believers in **Titus 3:1-2**?
2. Paul instructs Titus to remind the saints “to be ready for every good deed (NASB) work (LSB)”. To be ready means “to be prepared” “to make arrangements” “to get ready”. How do the following verses also emphasize the importance of looking for those opportunities to provide good deeds or works? **Galatians 6:9-10, Hebrews 10:24 and Hebrews 13:16**?
3. How does the attitude and conduct described in **vs. 2** contrast with the attitude and conduct of the Cretan culture (Titus 1:12)?
4. What is the reminder in **Titus 3:3**? Why is that an important reminder when living among those in a dark culture?

#### Read Titus 3:4-8

5. **Titus 3:4-7** is a single sentence that encompasses great and glorious truths of salvation which have filled volumes of great works of theologians penned through the ages. From these verses, describe and meditate upon all the words and phrases that show salvation is sovereignly provided by God alone.

When we are bombarded by our ungodly culture--by ungodly media, ungodly educators, ungodly politicians, ungodly entertainers and sports figures, ungodly books and magazines, ungodly neighbors and co-workers, and even by ungodly friends and relatives--we should focus above all else on the sovereign grace of God, who delivered each one of us from that life purely by his own will and for his own glory and not because of anything desirable or worthy that was in us. New Testament Commentary – Titus, J. MacArthur, page, 150.

6. In **Titus 3:8**, what are “*these things*” Titus is to speak and preach?

7. How should believers respond to those truths (**vs. 8b**)?

8. Read **Ephesians 2:8-10**. What is the evidence of the transformed life of the believer from **Eph. 2:10**?

#### **Read Titus 3:9-15**

9. **Titus 3:9** begins with, “*But*”, which marks a contrast from the end of **verse 8** where Paul referred to the preceding instruction and concluded “*These things are good and profitable for men.*” What are the warnings in **Titus 3:10-12** Paul addresses which can derail the mission of the church?

10. What does Paul ask of Titus in **vs. 13**?

11. From **vs. 14**, how does Paul conclude the instruction to the churches on Crete?

12. Paul, throughout the letter to Titus, taught that men and women transformed by faith in Christ are to be ready for good deeds (**3:1**), to be zealous for good deeds (**2:14**), to be careful to engage in good deeds (**3:8**), and to learn to engage in good deeds (**3:14**). How can you be looking for opportunity and seeking to engage in good deeds? What actions can you take to joyfully serve others relying on the strength Christ supplies?