

Titus 3

v.1 Remind them to subject to rulers and authorities- in and out of the church

- Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's- we are to involved, vote, run for office if you want, but as individuals not as a church
- be ready- in a state of readiness to be used

v.2 to speak evil of no one- " you can't believe everything you hear, but you can repeat it"- gossip can easily be a problem in a church

- to be peaceable- not a brawler
- gentle
- showing all humility to all men

v.3 We used to be

- foolish- unintelligent- the fool has said in his heart that there is no God
- disobedient
- deceived- when you are deceived you don't know it
- serving (doulos- a bondservant) to all kinds of forbidden desires
- a lifestyle of malice and envy
- hateful and hating one another

v.4 BUT when the kindness of God appeared- the gentleness, nature of God

- see *Phil. 2*
- and the love- philanthropia, fil-an-thro-pee'-ah; fondness of mankind, i.e. benevolence ("philanthropy");--kindness, love towards man.
- God our Savior- savior used 6 times in 46 verses

v.5 He appeared not because we earned it but according to His mercy

- washing of regeneration- not the act of washing but the laver itself, which was used not to cleanse as a sacrifice but to remove the filth of the world, bronze mirror like finish so we could see ourselves

- regeneration- liken to water softener
 - take out of service
 - backwash resin
 - brine (saltwater wash) to clean
 - rinse
 - put back in service

- (*Eph 5:25-27 NKJV*) *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, {26} that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, {27} that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should*

be holy and without blemish.

- renewing of the Holy Spirit (*Rom 12:1-2 NKJV*) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. {2} And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

- (*Eph 4:21-24 NKJV*) *if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: {22} that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, {23} and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, {24} and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

- see *Ephesians 5: 15-21*

v.6 poured out abundantly- more than we need

v.7 we are justified, heirs according to assurance of eternal life

v.8 affirm it constantly- keep this theme

- be careful- watch, some watch the stockmarket- flying with Eric in a small plane, constantly correcting and compensating

v.9 avoid foolish disputes- there are those who seek only to argue about things

- genealogies- could be Gnostic series of teachings, OT allegorical interpretations by Philo which became psychological teachings, or just basing righteousness on being Jewish

- strivings about the law- just love one another

- unprofitable and useless

v.10 Reject those who cause division-

v.12-13 again we see importance of body ministry

v.14 learn to maintain good works

- What good works ?

(*Eph 2:10 NKJV*) *For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

(*John 14:12 NKJV*) *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*

*(Phil 2:12-13 NKJV) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; {13} for it is **God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.***

The works are to manifest what appeared.
What appeared ?

God's grace -2:13
God's kindness
God's love

Do you need regeneration ?
Do you need renewing ?
Do you need His Spirit poured out on you ?