**Leading Like Christ: A Six-week Study of Titus**

**Week 6: Titus 3**

**Scripture Reading**

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 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, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.* TITUS 3:4-7 (ESV)

**Questions:**

1. Reflecting on what you’ve learned studying Titus, what is Paul’s ambition for the Christians living on Crete (Titus 1:1; Ephesians 2:24)? Read Titus 2:14. What is one reason that Paul desires believers to be godly?
2. Paul admonishes Titus to teach the believers in Crete to live distinctively different lives. List the seven commands Paul gives in verses 1 and 2?
3. Why does Paul command believers to submit to rulers and authorities and be obedient? Read Romans 13. Why should Christians submit to earthly authorities (13:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17)? What is God’s intention for rulers and those in authority (13:3-4)? Is civil disobedience ever justified for a Christian (Exodus 1:17; Daniel 3:10-18; Acts 4:19-20, 5:29)? In addition to being subject to government officials, what should Christians do
(1 Timothy 2:2)?
4. What is one character trait essential to every Christlike leader (3:2; Romans 12:3, 16; Philippians 2:3-4)? What does the Bible say about pride (Proverbs 6:16-17, 8:13, 16:5, 18-19)? Why does God hate pride (Psalm 10:4, Proverbs 21:4, Zephaniah 3:11,
Galatians 6:3, 1 Timothy 3:6, 1 John 2:15-17, 1 Corinthians 1:28-29)?
5. Paul was jealous for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Give another reason Paul is so concerned with how Christians behaved (Titus 2:5, 2:8, 2:10, 2:15, 3:14) (Personal question) Would you say the way you live lends integrity to the gospel you proclaim or hinders it?
6. How does the natural man relate to others (Titus 3:3)? How should Christians conduct themselves towards others (Titus 3:2)? What reasons does Paul give for being gentle and humble towards others (Titus 3:4-5)?
7. What are some reasons why God should condemn us (Titus 3:3; Colossians 1:21)? What are the reasons why he should save us? What attributes of God moved him to save you (Titus 3:4; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 1:4-5, 2:4-7)? How does this knowledge motivate you to do good works?
8. What did you do to deserve a new life in Christ (Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Timothy 1:9)? Why does Paul insist that Titus teach “these things” (Titus 3:8)? What results when faithful leaders help others gain a knowledge of God’s truth (Titus 1:1, 2:5, 8, 10, 3:8, and 14)? How has this study changed your thinking about your role as a leader?

**Key Ideas**

* Our view of God is important not only to who we are but how we live our lives
* Our motives reveal Christ’s character in us
* God’s grace saves us and then it trains and motivates us to be godly people
* Faith alone saves, but the faith that saves is not alone. We were saved *for* good works
* God's people must learn to maintain good works and to meet urgent needs

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. Tozer, A. W., (1961). *The Knowledge of the Holy: The Attributes of God: Their Meaning in the Christian Life.* Christian Publications. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)