

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Titus 3:1-8

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Titus 3:1-8.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are **Bold**. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

Titus 3:1–8 (ESV)

1 **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

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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 a
and profitable for people.

1. How would you summarize these verses in a single sentence?
2. When Paul refers to “them” in verse 1, who is he referring to and how do you know (look back at chapters 1 & 2 to discern this answer)?
3. List the instructions Paul tells Titus he is to give to “them.”
4. What would make obeying these instructions so difficult for the Christians in Crete?
5. Who would be modern parallels to the people the Christians in Crete were called to be submissive to?

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6. List some modern day challenges Christians face in submitting to such non-Christian authorities. What are issues that cause us not to desire to be submissive or courteous to such authorities?

❖ Day 2

Read Titus 3:1-8 again.

7. Verse 3 begins with the reason why Christians should have a submissive and obedient attitude and lifestyle toward non-Christian leaders. What is the reason?

8. List the categories that comprise the lifestyle and mindset of the typical non-Christian as detailed in verse 3:

9. Does verse 3 mean that all people display the same degree of each of these attitudes and actions as all non-Christians?

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15. In regard to our need to be submissive and obedient to non-Christian rulers over us, why should we keep in mind that we did nothing to make our salvation effective?

16. How is this section helpful in thinking about how to be effective in our own evangelism?

❖ Day 3

Read Titus 3:1-8 again.

17. What kinds of results should we see in our life because of the powerful work of the gospel in us according to verse 8?

18. How does our doing good works after believing in God contrast with not being saved by good works before believing (verse 5).

19. According to this context, what would some of the obvious “good works” be that would show the powerful effects of the gospel?

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20. What are some of the practical effects of the gospel in your life? What do the good works that come from believing in the gospel look like in your life?

21. Talk about how this passage can impact the way your pray for non-Christians.

22. How could this passage impact the what you say when you share the gospel with non-Christians?

23. How should this passage impact your attitude toward the non-Christians in our culture (even those you know very well)?

24. What is the single greatest way you should be applying this passage to your approach to evangelism?