

## “The Kindness of God”

Titus 3:1-8

INTRODUCTION: Verse 4 says “...the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared.” So how does “kindness” and “love” appear? They appear in a person and that person is “Jesus Christ our Savior” (v.6). These verses clearly present (1) our need for a Savior and (2) our God’s provision of the Savior.

### I. We have a NEED FOR THE SAVIOR (v.3)

A. We need a Savior because of the FOOLISH THINKING INGRAINED IN US.

(v.3a “For we also once were foolish ourselves...” lit. “not understanding”)

B. We need a Savior because of the DISOBEDIENT ATTITUDE REFLECTED FROM US. (v.3b

“...we...were disobedient...” lit. “un-persuadable”)

C. We need a Savior because of the DECEPTIVE IDEAS IMPOSED UPON US.

(v.3c “...we...were deceived...” lit “deceived, be led into error, seduced”)

D. We need a Savior because of the LUSTFUL PLEASURES ADOPTED BY US.

(v.3d “...we...were enslaved to various lusts and pleasures...”)

E. We need a Savior because of the HATEFUL DISPOSITION INHERENT WITHIN US.

(v.3e “...we...were spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.” lit. “malicious, unjustifiable feelings toward others, animosity.”)

### II. God has PROVIDED FOR US A SAVIOR. (vv.4-8)

(At least three things happen to us when we surrender our lives to Christ in salvation:)

A. He SAVES US from the PENALTY OF OUR SIN (v.5a “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness...”)

1. God does not save us BY OUR WORKS (“not on the basis of deeds which we have done”)

2. God does save us BY HIS WORK (“according to His mercy” with verse 7a “being justified by His grace.”)

B. He SECURES US by the POWER OF HIS SPIRIT (vv.5c-7)

1. His REGENERATION of our souls secures us (v.5c “...by the washing of regeneration...”)

2. His RENEWAL of our spirits secures us (v.5d “...and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”)

3. His RICHES of grace secures us (vv.6-7 “being justified by grace.”)

C. He SETS US APART for the PURPOSE OF HIS SERVICE (v.8b “...that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds.”)

1. Good deeds (works) are CHARACTERISTIC of a genuine believer (“those who have believed God...”)

2. Good deeds (works) are CONSIDERATE of an unbeliever (“these things are good and profitable for men.”)

CONCLUSION: The kindness of God and His never-ending love for us are wrapped up in the person and work of “Jesus Christ our Savior.” Admit that you need Him as your Lord and Savior and surrender your life to Him today!

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