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Titus 3:1-8

Gospel in Action

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Premise: Living in light of God's grace that changes us will motivate us to show His grace to others through our good deeds.

1. Remember how you are to act towards this ungodly world 1-2
 - A. Be subject to rulers & authorities
Rom 13:1-7; 1 Pet 2:13-17; Act 5:29
 - B. Be obedient
obedient to authorities in life placed by God
 - C. Be full of (READY to do) Good Works
active and looking for where to do good works - Jer 29:7
Apply: are you active and looking to do good works for Christ?
 - D. Avoid speaking evil, but edify
Rom 12:1; Eph 4:29
Use our tongues created by God for His glory James 3:1-12
 - E. Avoid quarreling
the opposite of macho – always having to prove self or dominate
 - F. Be gentle
gentle, kind, tolerant – 1 Cor 10:31; 1 Cor 6:19-20 why you were saved!
 - G. Be courteous towards ALL
gentleness and courtesy as in Gal 5:23 fruit of Spirit - gentleness
2. Remember you were once like this world 3
 - A. We were once foolish
Psalm 14:1; Rom 1:21
 - B. We were once disobedient
once obeyed only for fear of consequences of getting caught
 - C. We were once led astray
deceived – not understanding God's truth
 - D. We were once enslaved by our passions
formerly we lived for self

E. We once spent our days in malice & envy
Self – get ahead. Pharisees: envy against Jesus Mk 15:10

F. We were once haters and hated
natural state of the fallen world
1 Pet 2:19-21

3. God's Gracious Gospel changed EVERYTHING! 4-8
Can't do this on our own strength
Paradox of the gospel: Christ saves us so we abide in Him so that we can produce fruit for Him for His glory John 15:1-11

Discuss:

- What does it mean to be subject to rulers?
- Is it ever proper for a believer to engage in revolution against their government? When? Why? What about the American Revolution?
- So is it ever right to stand up for your rights on the job or in a community? What if you are being robbed? Taken advantage of? Cheated? Overlooked for promotion?
- How does 1 Peter 2:19-21 help us when we suffer? What is a good theology of suffering and serving Christ?
- What do you say to someone who says that verse 3 is not an accurate description of their past? Why is it important to see that V3 is accurate and for us to remember it?
- What are some tangible and practical ways that you (we) can get involved in our community with a view towards doing good deeds and being a witness for Christ?
- Reading v4-8 what is the purpose of our lives? What does Jesus want you to do differently in your moment-by-moment life? Why should you devote yourself to good works? How will things be different?