



Living According to Titus 3

Titus 3 And Christian Living

Just through another extreme political election – hatred, malice, division, lies, slander, etc. etc.

NOW? – just continues and perhaps even worse...

Paul writes concerning a similar time – when Rome would try to purge Christianity...

Titus 3 – heading toward Nero and persecution, Rome would join the persecution by Jews and Pagans...

→ OUTLINE (note, rearrange order for emphasis)

What we WERE – vs. 3

What GOD Did – vs. 4-7

HOW We must now LIVE – 1-2

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Titus 3:1-7

- What we WERE –
- What GOD Did
- How We should Live

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Verse 3

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NOT only WERE – but live in a world where many ARE .

What God ***DID***

Vs. 4-7

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He **SAVED US** – vs. 5

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One of the favorite argument / explanation styles

Clarifies...contrasts

→ NOT

NOT
not on the basis of
deeds which we have
done in righteousness,

5 - not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness,
Sin – separates, penalty ‘death’ (spiritual and physical) –
HOW to pay? CAN NOT – simply can not then save self by righteous deeds
Doing RIGHT can not UNDO the doing of wrong

Thus -

BUT

- Love for mankind - 4
- Mercy - 5
- Grace - 7

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- Washing of regeneration

AND

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Washing of regeneration

Washing → baptism

IN baptism, although water itself NOT, the ACT of obedience..

The TIME when God does this – love, mercy, grace – forgiven, made alive (both passive)

→ **AND renewing by the HS**

Renewing By HS

- Regeneration
- Made ALIVE
- NEW Life -

Regeneration – to make alive,
Made alive – Col. 2:12-13

12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

→ **New Life?**

HOW We
Should
then live

vs. 1-2

The New Life

- **Submissive / obedient to Government**

to be subject (ESV submissive) Luke 12:11

to rulers, (exousia –

Civil – Rom. 13:1; 1Timl 2:2; 1Pet. 2:13-17

Spiritual – Eph. 2:2; Col. 2:15

to authorities, (arch -)

to be obedient,

Submission (the mental part) MUST play out in obedience!

To NOT obey shows REBELLION – no matter what claim is made.

No Rioting, looting, DISobedience,

→ **Ready for Good Works...**

The New Life

- Submissive / obedient to Government
- **Ready – Good Works**

to be ready for every good deed,

Titus 3:8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, (ESV)

2Tim. 3:16-17 – scriptures prepare us for every good deed

2Tim. 2:21 – first sanctified – thus prepared for every good work

Titus 2:14 – ZEALOUS for good deeds

2Cor. 9:8 – to have “an abundance for every good deed”

Eph. 2:10 – created for good works... walk in them...

Matt. 5:13-16 - to the glory of our Father

OVERCOME Evil with GOOD – returning GOOD for evil!

Romans 12:17-21

→ NOT Malign

The New Life

- Submissive / obedient to Government
- Ready – Good Works
- **Not Malign**

to malign no one, (NIV slander, NRSV/ESV speak evil of,)

Lit. 'speak evil' / blaspheme - 1 Tim. 1:13, 20; 2 Tim. 3:2; 1 Pet. 4:4; 2 Pet. 2:2, 10, 11, 12).

33.400 βλασφηημέω; βλασφηημία^a, ας f: to speak against someone in such a way as to harm or injure his or her reputation (occurring in relation to persons as well as to divine beings)—'to revile, to defame, to blaspheme, reviling.' Louw Nida James 3:9

With it we bless *our* Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

→ Peaceable

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- **Peaceable / Gentle**

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But BY

- Washing of regeneration

AND

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Washing of regeneration AND renewing by the HS

But.. BY

- *'dia'*
- *"by, through, by means of,"*
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BY

Dia - Greek word for *by* is *dia*, which with the genitive case (as here) means "by, through, by means of," and can refer to the cause or instrument by which something is brought about or to the time or occasion when it is brought about.

→ The time which, the situation in which

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Louw (washing)

- 9 Times in NT
- 4 NOT baptism
- 5 ARE

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Acts 22:16

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1 Cor. 6:11

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Eph. 5:26

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