

GRACE GROUP NOTES (8/7/2022) “Living with the World”

DISCUSSION

Titus 3:1-3

3:1 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.

Grace trains us in our relationships with the unbelieving world we sojourn in, including the civil authorities to which we are subject.

Why does God call us to obey and submit to our civil authorities? What makes this call difficult for us?

Grace trains us more broadly with regard to the way we relate to all of our unbelieving neighbors, and Paul gives us five ways it does that here:

- Be ready for every good work
- Speak evil of no one
- Avoid quarreling (or be peaceable)
- Be gentle
- Show perfect courtesy toward all people

What do these things look like in practice? Talk about which ones are hard for you and why.

How does the truth of what we once were (in v3) shape our disposition toward the unbelieving world?

PRAYER

Let's repent where we have failed in these things we've talked about, and ask for grace to relate to the world as those who have received mercy and grace.

Share your burdens with one another and bear them to the Father together.