

TITUS

A HOUSE IN ORDER

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Icebreaker: What do you think about when you think about heaven?

There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Rom. 3:22b-24) – How easy is it for you to use the word “sin” among your family, friends, employers and employees?

Three tenses of our salvation... When you think of the word “salvation” what immediately comes to mind?

- ***Past: I have been saved from the penalty of sin*** – “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.” (Titus 2:11)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound – “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.” (Rom. 5:1-2a)

Recall your past, salvation (conversion) story. What happened?

- ***Present: I am being saved from the power of sin*** – “It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...” (Titus 2:12)

Jesus continually advocates for us in heaven because we continue to fail here on earth – “Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.” (Heb. 7:25)

How are you “failing forward (as Pastor Craig would say)” in life in order to learn and mature?

- ***Future: I will be saved from the presence of sin*** – “...while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ..” (Titus 2:13)

The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (Rom. 13:11b)

What are you looking forward to most about heaven?

Jesus paid the price so we could reap the reward...

...who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good. These, then, are the things you should teach.

Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you. (Titus 2:14-15)

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:36)

Before you get to heaven, what do you wish to accomplish for the Lord? What is left undone for you?