

Titus We're All Pastors: Equipping the Next Generation

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"Before & After Portraits" The Transforming Power of the Grace of God

Titus 3:1-15 February 17, 2019 **Dr. Mark Strauss**

Theme: Paul concludes his letter to Titus by talking about the transforming power of the grace of God. This salvation comes as a free gift from God and powerfully works in our lives to transform us from foolish, disobedient people enslaved to sin into faithful servants of God devoted to doing good and heirs of eternal salvation.

Outline:

1. The "Before" Picture	1. T	he '	'Before	" Picture
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- a. Foolish
- b. Disobedient
- c. Deceived
- d. Enslaved to Sin

- The Transformation God Accomplishes
 a. On the basis of His love and kindness
 - b. Received as a free gift
 - c. A rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit
- 3. The "After" Picture
 - a. Respectful to Authorities
 - b. Ready to Do What is Good
 - c. Positive, Peace-loving, Gentle and Considerate

<u>Takeaway</u>: As those who are being transformed into the image of Christ, we are evidence to the world of the reality and power of God's saving grace.

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