

# Reminders: We are Not or For this World pt. 1

Titus 3:1-3

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# Sermon Outline – We are Not of or For this World

- I. Why do we need this “reminder”?
- II. Premise #1 / Who God is (Titus 3:4)
- III. Premise #2 / Who we were and who unbelievers are (Titus 3:3)
- IV. Reminder/ How believers are to engage those of the world (Titus 3:1-2)

# I. Why do we need this “reminder”?

Matthew 5:14–15 (LSB) – Drifting / Forgetting

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;  
<sup>15</sup>nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Ephesians 6:11–12 (LSB) – Satanic Schemes

<sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

<sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

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Titus 1:11 (LSB)

<sup>11</sup>who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of dishonest gain.

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Daniel 2:20–21 (LSB)

<sup>20</sup>Daniel answered and said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and might belong to Him.

<sup>21</sup>"And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding.

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Matthew 6:31–32 (LSB)

<sup>31</sup>“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’

<sup>32</sup>“For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

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Hebrews 13:8 (LSB)

<sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

## Genesis 1:27-30 (LSB)

<sup>27</sup>And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>29</sup>Then God said, "Behold, I have given to you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has the fruit of the tree yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

<sup>30</sup>and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that creeps on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.

## Genesis 1:16 (LSB)

<sup>16</sup>So God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and also the stars.

# 1 Corinthians 14:33 (LSB)

<sup>33</sup>for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

## Isaiah 9:6-7 (LSB)

<sup>6</sup>For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. **The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will accomplish this.**

# God's zeal for order

Leviticus 19:32 (LSB)

<sup>32</sup>You shall rise up before the gray-haired and honor the aged, and you shall fear your God; I am Yahweh.

Ephesians 6:1 (LSB)

<sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Exodus 22:28 (LSB)

<sup>38</sup>"You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people. [also Dan. 2:21]

Romans 13:1 (LSB)

<sup>1</sup>Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist have been appointed by God.

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Romans 1:16 (LSB)

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

## Titus 3:3-7 (LSB)

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<sup>5</sup>He saved us, not by works which we did in righteousness, but according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>6</sup>whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
<sup>7</sup>so that having been justified by His grace, we would become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.