

Titus 3 — Remember Who You Are

Primary text: Titus 3:1–8

Big Idea: Because we have experienced God's mercy, we should demonstrate His grace in how we live with others.

Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. 2 They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

Titus 3:1-2

1. Remember how you're called to live. (Titus 3:1–2)

A. Respect authority without adopting the world's rebellion (v. 1)

B. Refuse to slander and quarrel (vv. 1–2)

Our enemy isn't our political opponent... It's the devil.
Our savior isn't a political figure...it is Jesus!

sometimes we're so concerned with defending the truth that we forget to demonstrate the character of the One who is the truth.

The way we communicate is sometimes the message itself.

C. Practice gentleness and humility (v. 2)

3 Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.

Titus 3:3

2. Remember who you were. (Titus 3:3)

The moment we forget how much mercy we needed is the moment we begin withholding mercy from others.

4 But—

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, 5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. 6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 Because of his grace, he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

8 This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

Titus 3:4-8

3. Remember what God has done. (Titus 3:4–8)

Our transformation begins with God's mercy and continues through the Holy Spirit.

A. God initiated our salvation (vv. 4–5)

If God treated us with mercy when we were still sinners, we cannot reasonably claim to represent Him while treating others with contempt.

B. God saves us for restoration. (v. 5)

- **Justification:** God declares us righteous through Christ.
- **Regeneration:** The Holy Spirit gives us new life.
- **Sanctification:** The Spirit continues transforming us into the likeness of Christ.

God doesn't just save us from something; He saves us for something.

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C. God transforms us to live differently (vv. 6–8)

Grace doesn't just change our destination; it changes how we live along the way.

4. Remember who you represent.