

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ April 24th, 2022



Part 8: "Are You Ready?"

Remember How to Live Wisely in the Community (3:1-2)

1. _____ to secular rulers and authorities – this includes all local, state, federal, and government entities, etc. (3:1a)
2. _____ all human authorities (3:1b; Acts 4:18-20; 5:40-42)
3. _____ for every good work (3:1c; Galatians 2:10)
4. _____ no one (3:2a)
5. _____ (3:2b; Romans 12:10)
6. Be _____ (3:2c)
7. Be _____ (3:2d)

Remember Where You've Come from Spiritually (3:3)

Before Christ and salvation everyone is...

1. Foolish
2. Disobedient
3. Deceived
4. Enslaved by various passions and pleasures
5. Living in malice and envy
6. Hateful
7. Detesting of one another

Remember What God Has Done for You Through Salvation (3:4-7)

1. You are saved by the kindness of God our Savior (3:4a)
2. You are saved by the compassionate love of God for all mankind (3:4b)
3. You are saved not by your own merit but by God's mercy (3:5a)
4. You are saved by God granting you the washing of regeneration (3:5b)
5. You are saved by God renewing you by His Holy Spirit (3:5c-6a)
6. You are saved by the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Savior for you (3:6b)
7. You are saved by God's grace (3:7)



Growth Group Study Guide for April 24th – May 1st

Announcements

1. Next Thursday, May 5th is the National Day of Prayer. Fellowship is partnering with the Norwalk ACTS Churches in hosting a prayer event on the 5th in Norwalk City Hall parking lot on North Ave. from 5:30 – 5:55 to pray for our community, state, and nation. Join us as we exercise our God-given and lawful right and privilege to pray for America.

Getting Started

Group Discussion #1: In what context do you find it more difficult to exhibit your faith in Christ as a testimony to others and why? In the checkout line? At work? In your neighborhood? At the company picnic? At family gatherings?

Group Discussion #2. We noted on Sunday morning that the truths found in chapter 3 of Titus are laid out in three sets of seven truths each beginning with the injunction in verse 1 that we be reminded of these truths. What is it about our human nature that makes such reminders necessary? (for context see verse 3)

Digging Deeper

1. READ Titus 1:1-2. Review the first set of seven truths that relate to living wisely in the community, then discuss the following questions:

What does it mean to submit to human authorities and what makes that difficult sometimes? _____

What does it mean to obey all human authorities? _____

What are the reasons you believe God wants us as Christians to do good works? _____

What are some ways we can all “be ready” for every good work? _____

What kind of impact do you think we could make when we work together as a church family to do good works in our area (like the ones which were discussed in the message)? _____

To slander no one in this context especially means those who are part of leading civil government (local, state and federal). How difficult is it for you at times to refrain from talking negatively about civil leaders and what can we do to practice this command? _____

The opposite of fighting is to be peaceable and considerate. Who do you find it more difficult to live this out with in your life, especially among those who are unsaved and why? _____

Read Galatians 5:22-23. In this list of spiritual fruit that God grows in us as we walk faithfully with Him is kindness and gentleness. How far do you think our Christian testimony would go in communicating our love for Jesus if we practiced these two spiritual virtues the way Christ did? _____

Wrapping Up

If time permits, review the seven truths that describe our spiritual lives before salvation and the seven truths that reveal what God does in us and for us through salvation. Close in prayer by praising God for all He’s done for us in saving us. Finally remember and rejoice in those 3 important words in Titus 3:5, “He saved us!”