



Titus

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Agenda

- Recap
- Titus 2:15-3:7
- Topics:
 - Clarifying law and grace
 - Submission to government
 - Purpose of salvation

Titus Outline

Conduct of believers

Importance of sound doctrine

Correction of false teaching

Appointment of elders

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God's Grace Overview

- **Its Past Provision of Salvation – Titus 2:11**
- **Its Present Provision of Instruction – Titus 2:12**
- **Its Future Provision of Hope – Titus 2:13-14**



“Grace is the unlimited, unmerited favor of God based solely on the person and work of Jesus Christ”
(with no expectation of anything in return)

Law: BEFORE

Grace: NOW



Held Captive

Galatians 3:23 “...we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.



Set Free

Romans 7:6 “But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive...”

Law: IMPRISONED

Grace: FREE



- Freed from the law
- Freed from the power of sin

WHY?

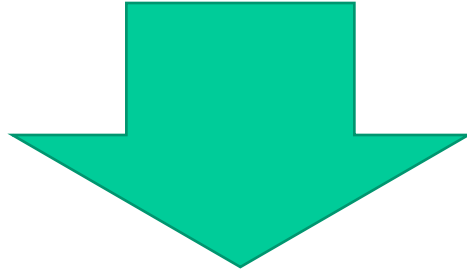
- To purify for Himself, a people for His own possession... **US!**

WHY?



What was God's original intention in the garden?

- Freed from the law
- Freed from the power of sin



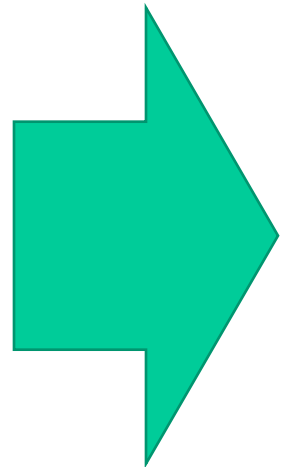
- To purify us for Himself, for His own possession

PRODUCES

- Zealousness for good deeds



No longer in bondage of
keeping a set of rules or
performance-based
Christianity





We've been set free from *any* obstacles that get in the way of our enjoying Him and having fellowship with Him

We're NOT saying...

- That just because we're not under the law anymore doesn't mean we aren't supposed to follow God's commands...

BUT

- Under grace, there's a change of motivation

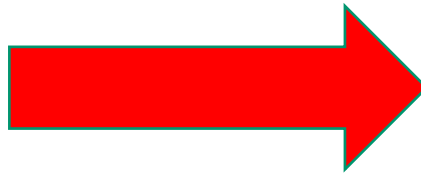


**How does the
motivation change?**

We ARE saying...

- The motivation changes from...

“*I have to*”



“*I get to*”



EXAMPLE



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Warning Lights

Your marriage warning light is on if

**You are more preoccupied with
what you can get away with
than doing what is right for your
marriage .**

We ARE saying...

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“I *get* to”

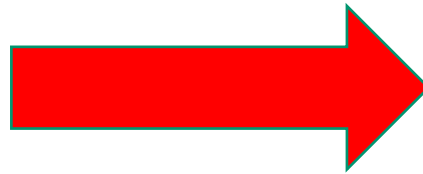
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We ARE saying...

- The motivation changes from...

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“I *get* to”



We ARE saying...

- The marriage union doesn't change just because you've sinned against them...

BUT

- The peaceful, joyful, fellowship is broken

We ARE saying...

- Your union with Christ doesn't change just because you sinned against Him...

BUT

- The peaceful, joyful, fellowship is broken





I *HAVE* to...



I *GET* to...



I *HAVE* to...

...in order to get

- Favor
- Love
- Acceptance

I *GET* to...

...because I have

- Favor
- Love
- Acceptance

- Brand New Creation
- Reconciled
- Redeemed
- No Condemnation
- All Sins Paid For
- Crucified with Christ
- Buried with Christ
- Raised with Christ
- Free from the Law
- Children of God
- In the Eternal Plan of God
- Adopted
- Acceptable to God
- Perfected Forever
- God's own possession
- Made Qualified
- Justified

- Forgiven of all Trespasses
- Delivered from Darkness
- Indwelt by the Spirit
- Sealed with the Spirit
- Co-heirs with Christ
- Having Access to God
- Objects of His Love
- Objects of His Grace
- Objects of His Power
- Objects of His Faithfulness
- Objects of His Comfort
- Objects of His Intercession
- His Inheritance
- Heavenly Citizens
- Glorified
- Complete in Him
- Possess Every Spiritual Blessing



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Titus 2:15

¹⁵ These things **spe**ak and **exhort** and **reprove** with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

- Speak: “give the information”
- Exhort: “act on that information”
- Reprove: “you haven’t, so get with it!”
- Titus was given all authority



**Couldn't Paul have
just ended the book
here?**

The diagram consists of three concentric circles. The innermost circle is labeled 'Chapter 1' and 'Local leaders'. The middle circle is labeled 'Chapter 2' and 'Conduct in church'. The outermost circle is labeled 'Chapter 3' and 'Conduct in world'. All circles and text are filled with a teal color.

Chapter 3

Chapter 2

Chapter 1

Local
leaders

Conduct in church

Conduct in world

Titus 3:1-2

¹ Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, ² to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

Subject to Rulers

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What did they need to be reminded to be?

Subject to Rulers

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Why did they need to be reminded?

Roman Emperors

- **Caligula (37-41)** – thought he was God and actively sought worship. Set up his own image in the temple as God.
- **Claudius (41-54)** – expelled Jews from Rome

- **Nero (54-68)** – despised Christians; blamed them for his own terrible choices; burned them to provide light for his garden



How does this compare to our rulers?

Our Duties

- Obligation to pray

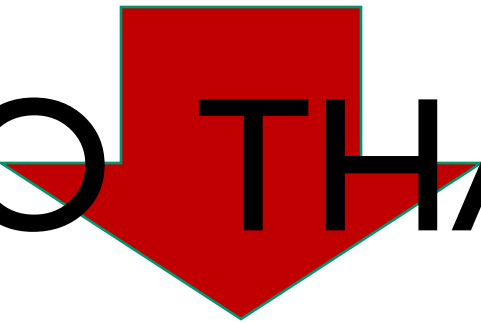
1 Tim 2:1-2 “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, **so that** we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

[Love one another which you already are]...

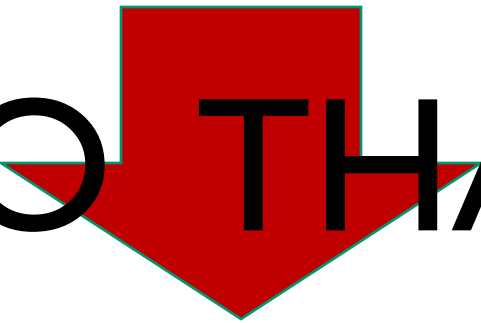
¹⁰ ...but we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹ and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹² **so that** you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

Why Pray for Rulers?

SO  THAT

“we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity”

Why Love One Another?

SO  THAT

“you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one”

Our Duties

- Obligation to pray
- Obligation to submit
 - Titus 3:1
 - Romans 13:1-7
 - 1 Peter 2:13-17

Romans 13:1-7

¹ Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. ³ For rulers are not a...

Romans 13:1-7

...cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; ⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

Romans 13:1-7

⁵ Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

1 Peter 2:13-17

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁵ For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

1 Peter 2:13-17

¹⁶ *Act* as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

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Are there any exceptions?