

Titus Ch. 3 – Saved for a Purpose: Good Works

- I. Be ready for good works
 - A. v1 Christians should be known and trusted as law-abiding citizens
 - B. v1 Be ready for every good work – trustworthiness creates opportunities
- II. Demonstrate love for others
 - A. v2 Speak evil of no one – either to the face or behind the back
 - B. v2 Avoid quarrelling
 - C. v2 Be gentle
 - D. v2 Show perfect courtesy toward all people
- III. The good news God’s love for us is the basis of our good works
 - A. v3 We ourselves were once (just like some people are now)
 - B. v4 BUT God forgives us through the person and work of Jesus
 - C. Therefore, let us be [v8] “careful to devote ourselves to good works”
- IV. Discourage division
 - A. v9 Avoid foolish controversies
 - B. v9 Avoid genealogies, dissensions and quarrels about the law
 - C. v10 Have nothing to do with divisive people (how to recognize them)
 - 1. Divisive people identify the “*enemy*” – some “other” unlike us
 - 2. Divisive people stir up *fear* to divide “us” against “them”
 - 3. Divisive people stir up *anger* to provoke us against one another
 - 4. Divisive people stir up *blame* (accusation)
 - 5. Divisive people stir up *hate* (dehumanizing the “enemy”)
- V. Do your best
 - A. vv12 & 13 Do your best to help your church leaders
 - B. v14 Help cases of urgent need (should be obvious)
 - C. v14 Don’t be un-fruitful
 - D. v15 Greetings and grace