

GLORIOUSLY DIFFERENT

(09/11/16; Titus 3:1-15; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme → Because God has saved us by His grace and mercy, freeing us from bondage to sin and enabling obedience from the heart, our lives must demonstrate the transforming power of the gospel in our godly actions, speech, attitudes, and good works toward all mankind.

I. GOOD WORKS REMINDER – (3:1-2)

- A. To submit to rulers and authorities – (3:1)
- B. To speak evil to no one – (3:2a)
- C. To show courtesy to all people – (3:2b)

II. GOSPEL GROUNDS FOR GOOD WORKS – (3:3-8)

- A. Reminder of who you were – (3:3)
- B. Reminder of what God's done – (3:4-7)
 - 1. When? – (v.4)
 - 2. What and Why? – (v.5a)
 - 3. How? – (vv.5b-6)
 - 4. Purpose? – (v.7)
- C. Reminder to insist on the gospel – (3:8)

III. GOOD WORKS RESTATED – (3:9-15)

- A. Refuse false teaching – (3:9)
- B. Reject false teachers – (3:10-11)
- C. Reminder to live gloriously different – (3:12-15)

TITUS OVERVIEW

(Summary of Titus; Summer 2016; Christ Proclamation Church; Steve Thiel)

Background of Titus (Who wrote it, when, where, and to whom?)

The Apostle Paul wrote (1:1) to Titus (1:4), his true child in the faith, after house arrest in Rome (60-62 A.D.) but before final imprisonment and execution (68 A.D.).

Occasion of Titus (What prompted Paul to write this letter?)

False teachers are the particular occasion for this letter. Therefore, Paul left Titus in Crete and charged him to confront the false teachers by establishing godly leaders, silencing error, and instructing believers in the gospel as the source of godliness.

Purpose of Titus (What did Paul hope to accomplish?)

Paul's desire is to silence ungodly false teachers (1:10-11) whose lives deny their profession (1:16) and appoint godly leaders (1:5-8) who are able to exhort in sound doctrine (2:1-14), refute those who contradict (1:10-16) and protect the flock of God by faithfully preaching a gospel which accords with good works (2:14; 3:1, 8, 14).

Theme of Titus (What is the letter about?)

The gospel of grace must be protected by qualified men who are willing and able to confront those who profess to know God but deny Him by their works and exhort believers in sound doctrine, which always leads to godly living and good works.

Outline of Titus

I. Introduction (1:1-4)

II. Exhortation to Appoint Qualified Leaders (1:5-16)

- A. The Need for Qualified Leaders (1:5)
- B. The Description of Qualified Leaders (1:6-9)
- C. The Reason to Appoint Qualified Leaders (1:10-16)
 - 1. Reality of False Teachers (1:10)
 - 2. Response to False Teachers (1:11-16)

III. Exhortation to Teach Sound Doctrine (2:1-3:11)

- A. Exhortation to Godliness Inside the Church (2:1-15)
 - 1. Good Works for Each Gender Group (2:1-10)
 - 2. Grounded in the Gospel of Grace (2:11-14)
 - 3. Summary Command (2:15)
- B. Exhortation to Godliness Outside the Church (3:1-11)
 - 1. Good Works Towards All People (3:1-2)
 - 2. Grounded in the Gospel of Grace (3:3-7)
 - 3. Summary Command (3:8-9)
- C. Exhortation to Confront False Teachers (3:10)

IV. Conclusion (3:12-15)