

SERMON SERIES
GOSPEL-FORMED COMMUNITY
“GRACE APPEARED TO JUSTIFY THE UNGODLY”

Titus 3:3-7

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I. Grace appeared because we were ungodly (1-3).

“submissive to rulers, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work”

“speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle and to show perfect courtesy”

“For we ourselves were once”

“foolish, disobedience, led astray”

“slaves to various passions and pleasures”

“passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another”

Psalm 34:13-14

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

“When we recognize that we were rescued from a pit deeper than we could crawl from, that we were saved from a darkness greater than our light could penetrate, that we were delivered from sin greater than our resolve could control- only then are we prepared to lead others.”

-Bryan Chapell

“Believing the leveling truths of the gospel creates a community where malice, envy, and infighting disappear along with the need to measure our righteousness against one another.”

-Bryan Chapell

II. Grace appeared revealing goodness, love & mercy in salvation (4-5).

“the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared”

“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness”

“He saved us ... according to his own mercy”

Matthew 7:1-3
Luke 7:39-49
James 2:12-13

"There is more mercy in Christ than sin in us."

-Richard Sibbes

"Prayer is not effective when all you see are the sins of the other person."

-Jack Miller (see 1 Peter 3:7)

III. Grace appeared to pour the Spirit on us in salvation (5-7).

"the washing of regeneration and renewal"

"whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior"

"being justified by his grace"

"might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life"

Deuteronomy 30:6
Ezekiel 36:25-26
Romans 4:5
2 Corinthians 4:6