

**SERMON SERIES**  
**GOSPEL-FORMED COMMUNITY**  
**“GRACE APPEARED TO CHANGE**  
**OUR RELATIONSHIPS”**  
**Titus 3:8-11, 14**  
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**I. Grace appeared to make our relationships fruitful (vv. 8, 14).**

*“Faithful word”*

*“I want you to insist on these things”*

*“may be careful to devote themselves to good works”*

*“learn”*

*“These things are excellent (good) and profitable for people”*

**Galatians 6:9-10**

**Titus 2:7-8**

**Hebrews 13:16**

*“Thus doctrine inspires duty, and duty adorns doctrine. Doctrine and duty are married; they must not be divorced.”*

*-John Stott*

*“The bedrock of mission is doing good in everyday life: in your home, on your street, in your workplace, in your school, in your neighborhood. We stress the gospel to each other so that we will live the gospel in front of others.”*

*-Tim Chester*

*“The reason most of us do not see opportunities to serve is that we are continually thinking about ourselves instead of others.”*

*-Jerry Bridges*

**II. Grace appeared prune unprofitable patterns (vv. 9).**

*“Avoid foolish controversies/debates ... unprofitable and worthless”*

*“Avoid ... genealogies”*

*“Avoid ... quarrels about the law”*

**Deuteronomy 29:29**  
**Ephesians 4:25-32**

**III. Grace appeared to establish boundaries (vv. 10-11).**

*"Reject a divisive/factious person"*

*"after warning him once and then twice"*

*"knowing such men are warped/have gone astray/are perverted"*

**Deuteronomy 13:6-11**  
**Titus 1:16**

"But we must exercise moderation, so as not instantly to declare every man to be a 'heretic' who does not agree with our opinion. There are some matters on which Christians may differ from each other, without being divided into sects."

*-John Calvin*