

Titus 3:1-15

**Maintaining good works**

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# A HEALTHY CHURCH MAINTAINS GOOD WORKS

- *[Jesus] gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for himself His own special people, zealous for good works. 2v14*

- This is a **faithful saying**, and these things I want you to **affirm constantly**, that those who have believed in God should be **careful** to **maintain** good works. These things are good and profitable to men. (v8)

*Faithful = Reliable*

*Affirm = Repeat together*

*Maintain = Keep it going*

# DON'T FORGET WHERE YOU CAME FROM

- **Remind** *them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. (3v1-2)*
- Remind = tell them again!
  - Its easy to forget to do good works
  - Its easy to get distracted from doing good works

# DON'T FORGET WHERE YOU CAME FROM

- ***3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. (v3)***
- You can't serve others if you despise them for their sins
- You won't despise others if you realise that you are very similar to them – but God changed you

# REMEMBER WHO YOU HAVE BELIEVED IN (vv4-8)

- *But when **the kindness and the love of God our Saviour** toward man appeared, <sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but **according to His mercy** He saved us (vv4-5)*

# God washed you...

- *...according to His mercy He saved us, through the **washing** of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit(v5)*

# God washed you ... And lets you into His house! (Revelation 7:9-15)

- *9 ...a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*
- *"These are the ones who ... **washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.** <sup>15</sup> Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. **And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.***



# God renewed you...

- *...according to His mercy He saved us, through the **washing of regeneration** and **renewing** of the Holy Spirit (v5-7)*
- Regeneration = to make NEW
- Born again (John 3)
- Heart transplant (Ezekiel 11:19)

# God's mercy is abundant! (v6)

- <sup>6</sup> *whom He **poured out on us** **abundantly** through Jesus Christ our Saviour*
- God does not skimp on our salvation
- God's generosity should motivate our good works

- *[He has poured out His Holy Spirit] on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup> that having been justified by His grace we should become **heirs according to the hope of eternal life.** (vv6-7)*
- We have been made sons and daughters of God!

## LEARN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROFITABLE AND UNPROFITABLE CHRISTIANITY (vv8-14)

- *... those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. **These things are good and profitable** to men. <sup>9</sup> But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for **they are unprofitable and useless.***  
(vv8-9)
- Give your energy to maintaining good works

# Foolish disputes...

- *But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and **useless** (v9)*
- Extra-biblical sources
  - Genealogies = lists of ancestors
- Additional laws

# Divisive people and attitudes...

- *Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, <sup>11</sup> knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. (vv10-11)*
- Divisive = creating divisions (separate groups)
- People trying to gather a following
- People trying to enforce THEIR opinions

# CONCLUSION

- *...let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful... All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith.*  
***Grace be with you all. Amen.***(v15)

In the end, its all about GOD'S GRACE.

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