

New Normal: A Transformed Church Before a Watching World Transformed Citizenship

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Titus 3:1-8

Big Idea: Our citizenship on earth is transformed by our citizenship in heaven.

1. Be a _____ and _____ citizen. (vs. **1-2**)

*“so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.” **Titus 2:10***

2. _____ where your true citizenship lies. (vs. **3-7**)

3. _____ to _____ by serving other citizens. (v. **8**)

*“You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world... let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” **Matthew 5:13-16***

Sermon questions

1. What kind of behavior should you, as a Christian, have in society? Do you think you behave differently around other Christians in church than around non-Christians in society?
2. **Titus 3:1** starts with the word “remind”, which means they had already been taught what Paul was about to write. What spiritual truths do you need to be reminded of, either things you should do or things you shouldn’t do?
3. Read v.1-2. What does a peaceable and considerate person, one who is always gentle toward everyone, look like?

Do you know, or have you ever known such a person? What impact have they had on your life and faith?

4. In v.3 Paul says, “At one time we too were...” and “We lived in....” To what extent does v.3 describe your life?

5. Paul makes a clear change from what we did (v.3) to what God has done for us (v.4-7). Describe in your own words what Paul says God has done for us and why He did it.

6. V. 4 says, "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared...." When did God's kindness "appear"?

How did you come to believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior? How old were you?

How do you see God – an angry judge or kind, loving Savior? Explain your answer.

7. In v.5, Paul says that God "saved" us. In the immediate context, from what did God save us?

How has God's kindness, love, and mercy affected you?

How has it changed the way you interact with unbelievers who are where you once were?

8. These verses teach us that Christians are to do good deeds, *not* in order to be saved, but *because* we are saved. We “do” good deeds *because* we “are” new creations in Christ, not we “are” because we “do”. Doing what is right is to be a characteristic of your new nature. Why do you do “good deeds”? What motivates you?

Do you think God is pleased with your “good deeds”? If not, what would make your good deeds pleasing to God?

9. Talk about a thing or two you learned from **Titus 3:1-8**, and Pastor Brad's sermon. What personal challenges might you face as you live out **Titus 3:1-8**?

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **Job 41-42; Acts 16**
- **Psalms 1-3; Acts 17**
- **Psalms 4-6**
- **Psalms 7-9; Acts 18**
- **Psalms 10-12**
- **Psalms 13-15; Acts 19**
- **Psalms 16-17; Acts 20**