

# **New Normal: A Transformed Church Before a Watching World A Transformed and Focused Church**

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Titus 3:4-15

**1. Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ the main thing. (v. 4-8)**

A. You are saved \_\_\_\_\_ grace (v. 4-7)

B. You are saved \_\_\_\_\_ good works (v. 8)

Our mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ as well as declare the kindness and love of God our Savior!

**2. Don't get \_\_\_\_\_ from our mission. (v. 9-11)**

*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*

Ephesians 4:3

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to doing what is good by providing for the pressing needs of others. (v. 12-15)

A. Follow Jesus' example

B. Be proactive

*"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. How does Paul's warning in verse 1 against "foolish controversies," "arguments," and "quarrels about the law," relate to our culture and lives today? What are some examples of things today that Christians argue about that have no value?
2. Back in chapter 1, Paul teaches us that an elder must be someone who holds to sound doctrine and refutes those who oppose it. How do we distinguish between issues that are worth defending and issues that lead to "foolish controversies?"
3. Read **vs. 10-11**. Have you ever encountered a divisive person within the church like Paul is describing here? Why is divisiveness such a serious offense?
4. How do we handle the tension between loving everyone, even our enemy, and the command to have nothing to do with someone who is causing division?
5. Read **vs. 14**. What does it look like today to be people who are devoted to doing good and to not live unproductive lives?

6. How has the Holy Spirit used this series in Titus to change your thoughts, attitudes, or actions?

As you spend time with the Lord this week and reflect on our *Titus* series, consider praying through this series of questions on your own:

### **Prayer ACTS**

Adoration: What can I praise God for teaching me?

Confession: What sins do I need to confess as a result of what I have learned?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what Jesus has done for me?

Supplication: What do I need to ask God for in order to live a productive life for Him?

### **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!

- **Psalms 18-19**
- **Psalms 20-22**
- **Psalms 23-25; Acts 21**
- **Psalms 26-28; Acts 22**
- **Psalms 29-30; Acts 23**
- **Psalms 31-32**
- **Psalms 33-34; Acts 24**