

## TO BE LOVED AND TO LOVE

Titus 3:1-15 (January 19, 2025)

...hating one another. **4** But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, **5** he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, **6** whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. **8** This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. **9** But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. **10** Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. **11** You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned. **12** As soon as I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, because I have decided to winter there. **13** Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way and see that they have everything they need. **14** Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives. **15** Everyone with me sends you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

### HOW TO LIVE AS A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST IN THIS WORLD

New life leads us to live a life of doing good works.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

#### 1. Our civil life: Law abiding citizen

**Titus 3:1** Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,

#### 2. Our social life: Don't hurt others. Seek others' good.

**Titus 3:2** To slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

#### 3. The world without the grace of God: No care for others

**Titus 3:3** At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

#### 4. Living in God's grace: A new life in the Spirit of God with the hope of eternal life

##### Titus 3:4-7

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#### 5. The demonstration of our spiritual growth: Actively seeking to do good works

(1) This point has to be stressed from the pulpit.

**Titus 3:8** This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

(2) God's people must learn to serve.

**Titus 3:14** Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. God gave us new life in Christ because He loves us. Now, for what did God create us a new in Christ?
2. What should be a Christian's attitude concerning the proper laws and regulations in a society and why is it important?
3. What is slandering others and why is it bad?
4. The Bible says that people who don't know the grace of God live in malice and envy. What is the most distinguished emotional symptom people display toward others when they live in malice and envy?
5. Do our good works take any role in our salvation in Christ? What is the place that our good works take in our spiritual life?
6. Mosaic Bible Fellowship has membership covenant, maturity covenant, ministry covenant, and mission covenant. What is your next step that you need to take for your spiritual growth as a follower of Christ?

### I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- ( ) Membership 101
- ( ) Maturity 201
- ( ) Ministry 301
- ( ) Mission/Evangelism 401

### OTHER CLASSES

- ( ) Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- ( ) Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- ( ) How to do daily Quiet Time with God

### NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- ( ) I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- ( ) I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

### ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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