

## Helping Churches Thrive: Grace Shining in the Darkness

Titus 3:1-7

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### 1. Grace in Relating to Others (v.1-2)

- a. SUBMIT and OBEY rulers and authorities
  - i. The culture of biblical times compared to our current culture
  - ii. Submission demonstrates we TRUST GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY
  - iii. Use your VOICE, only as directed
- b. Shine a LIGHT instead of FEEDING THE DARKNESS
  - i. Speak evil of NO ONE...NO EXCEPTIONS LISTED
  - ii. Avoid QUARRELING
  - iii. Show perfect courtesy to all people as IMAGE BEARERS
  - iv. This is Counter-cultural and the EXPECTATION
- c. Be ready for every good work
  - i. **Spiritual Giftings**
  - ii. **Experiences**
  - iii. **Resources**
  - iv. **Values**
  - v. **Energy**

### 2. Why Should Do This? (v.3-5a)

- a. You aren't naturally inclined to do this...BUT GOD
- b. Because God has CHANGED us by HIS OWN GRACE

### 3. Remember the Gospel (v.5b-7)

- a. The Gospel is not WORKS BASED
- b. God's MERCY and PROVISION is the root of the Good News
- c. God' RENEWAL in you through the Holy Spirit is ONGOING
  - i. Renewal empowers us to live RIGHTLY
  - ii. Renewal is daily REVIVAL
- d. HEIRS of eternal life
- e. Remember the gospel, LIVE the gospel, CARRY the gospel

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