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Titus 3:1-7

SANCTIFY

= the process whereby a believer becomes like Christ

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Romans 8:29-30

INTRODUCTION

- this morning we continue in our study of the book of *Titus*...I never meant to preach a series of messages from this book, but the more I chewed on the bone, the more meat I found

1. Appointing Godly Leaders

2. Setting Things In Order

- there were problems in the churches of Crete that needed to be straightened out:

false teachers, infuriating culture,
lack of leadership, etc.

- but here at the end, Paul wanted to guide Titus and other believers towards **sanctification**

see **definition** above

Titus 2:15

These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

speak = daily conversation

exhort = the example we set for others

rebuke = the authority to correct

despise = to think beyond; to ignore

1. What God FOUND In Us **verse 3**

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

WE WERE DENSE

Paul used the word *foolish* and in Greek it means 'not using the mind'

Proverbs 27:22

Though thou shouldest bray [crush] a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

before we were saved, we were foolish in our thoughts and behavior...and foolishness is difficult to drive out of a person **Proverbs 22:15**

foolish to think we could live without God

Psalms 14:1

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Matthew 7:26-27

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

foolish to think we could sin and not pay a price

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death...

Proverbs 14:9

Fools make a mock at sin...

WE WERE DISOBEDIENT

God said, "Thou shalt not bear false witness,"
and we did

God said, 'Thou shalt not covet,' and we did

Ephesians 2:2-3

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

WE WERE DECEIVED

...into thinking things would satisfy

...into believing our good works would be enough

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.

...serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

serving...living

the *denseness, disobedience, and deception* created a lifestyle from which their was no earthly escape...

there was nothing in us at all that would cause God to love us...

BUT AFTER THAT...

2. What God FULFILLED In Us verses 4-7

But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

THE APPEARANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

appeared = to cause to shine

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men...

John 1:9

[He] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

abundantly = richly, copiously

2 Peter 1:11

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 6:17

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

THE AVENUE OF GOD'S GRACE

grace comes *through* Jesus Christ:

by way of Calvary and the death of His Son

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:14

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

verse 7

giving us hope
making us heirs
providing us Heaven

3. What God FORECAST In Us verses 1-2

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

put them in mind = the opposite of *foolish*

AN UPRIGHT WALK

God wants us to be an example to others:

law-abiding
guarded tongue
gentle, not fighting

Colossians 4:5

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

AN URGENT WORK

...ready to every good work

Ephesians 5:16

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

AN UNANIMOUS WILL

**meekness = doing the right thing,
at the right time, in the right way**

2 Timothy 2:25

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

James 3:13

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

verse 8

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.