



Studies in Titus and Philemon

And So On and So On

Introduction to Titus 2-3

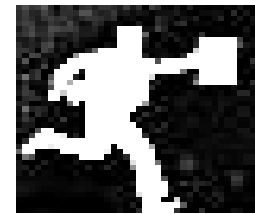


The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You

In the well-known commercial two friends tell two friends about Clairol, and so on and so on, until everyone knows how great the hair product is. This mimics the exact process that the growth of Christ’s kingdom must follow. Our study this week in Titus 2-3 illustrates how this looks in everyday life. Paul, by the Spirit, first spells out the specific responsibility each group in the church has to apply and pass on God’s Word. Older men in the church are called to model several characteristics that generally develop only over time, such as temperance, dignity, sensibility, and perseverance. As younger men observe these traits they will be inspired to travel a similar path. Similarly, older women are to act reverently, refuse to gossip, and teach what is good—specifically to

the younger women. They are to encourage them to love their husbands and children, and also to be sensible, pure, workers at home, and kind. Even those church members who were slaves at that time were to live in such a way that their opponents could say nothing negative about them. The purpose of our practicing the Word of God in this way is to present a beautifully adorned picture of it to the watching world. The idea is that the blessings of the gospel aren’t just for God’s people, but also for those who are “not yet” believers. As they see the grace of God so lived out through His people they should be attracted to Him and the kingdom should grow. Finally, everyone is to prove God’s kindness by their



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lives. This occurs through submissiveness to authority, gentleness, and understanding with those who don’t know Christ. After all He did not save us because of our good works, but because of His mercy. For that reason we must avoid factious people and engage in things that are good and profitable for all. As we do those who believe will tell their friends, who will tell their friends, and so on and so on until Christ returns.

Daily Questions for Titus 2-3

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com/resources/leader resources)

<p>1. Read 2:1-3. How are older men (v2) and older women (v3) to act in the church? What role do you think these groups play in church today?</p>	
<p>2. From 2:4-6 what are younger women to be taught by the older women (v4-5), and young men by older men (v6)? Why is this important?</p>	
<p>3. In 2:7-8 how was Titus, as the leader of the churches, supposed to act (v7-8)? What was the twofold reason (v7, 8)?</p>	

Titus 2-3 Daily Questions (cont)

<p>4. Based on 2:9-10 how were slaves at that time supposed to act (v9-10), and why (v10)? Why do you think Paul selected slaves to instruct?</p>	
<p>5. From 2:11-12 what has appeared (v11) and what does this refer to? What did this do (v11), and what changes should result (v12)?</p>	
<p>6. Looking at 2:13-14 who and what will appear (v13)? What is this called (v13), and why (v14)?</p>	
<p>7. In 2:15-3:3 of what are we to be reminded (v1), and how should we respond to this (2:15)? What should characterized us (v2), and why (v3)?</p>	
<p>8. According to 3:4-7 why did God save us (v4), and what was its basis (v5)? How did this happen (v6), and what is its result (v7)?</p>	
<p>9. Using 3:8-11 what is good for us (v8), and how should talk about it (v8)? What and who should we avoid (v9-10), and why (v11)?</p>	
<p>10. From 3:12-15 what do Paul's requests indicate about his concerns (v13, 14)? How did he feel about them (v12, 15)? Apply.</p>	
<p>11. Based on Titus 2-3 describe God's work, and how we should make it appear to the world. What are some of the ways to do this from this study?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

“He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit.” Titus 3:5 (NLT)

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Life Group Questions—Joshua 20

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Think of someone you feel “safe” with. What makes them that way? Do you feel safe with God? Why or why not?
2. How does God provide refuge for us when someone (or even life itself) seems to be out to get us?
3. Discuss what “holy” means. How is the holiness of Christ a refuge for those who turn to Him in difficult times?
4. Review the other 5 types of refuge—a shoulder, fellowship, a stronghold, Christ's exaltation, and joy. Each member share which of these means the most to them.
5. What spiritual truth does the fact that the cities of refuge were easily accessible teach us? What must we then do to find refuge in tough times? (see Ps 34:18)
6. Discuss anything else important to you from the message today if you have time.