



Titus 3:1-11

Living in Light of Our
Regeneration

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Titus Outline

Church
Titus 2:1-10 Instructions for Godly living
Titus 2:11-15 Theological basis for such living

The World
Titus 3:1-2 Instructions for Godly living
Titus 3:3-11 Theological basis for such living
Titus 3:12-15 Final messages and farewell



Respect For All Men

Titus 3:1-2 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

 **Reminder Of Who We Were**

Titus 3:3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another

 **Our Spiritual Blindness**

2nd Corinthians 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

 **God Regenerated Us**

Titus 3:4-5 But when the kindness and the 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, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit... NKJV

1. Baptismal Regeneration (Sacramentalists)
2. Baptism – Symbolic (Non-Sacramentalists)
3. Work of Holy Spirit – (Non baptism)

 **The Promise Of Regeneration**
Ezekiel 36:25-27 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put **My Spirit** within you and cause you to walk in My statutes...

 **New Covenant Through Christ**
Titus 3:6-7 ...whom He poured out upon us richly through **Jesus Christ our Savior**, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
Romans 8:30
1. Predestined
2. Called ←————— Regeneration
3. Justified ←————— Sanctification
4. Glorified

 **The Christian Call To Good Works**
Titus 3:8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

 **The Call To Avoid Heretics**

Titus 3:9-11 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self condemned.

 **Application**

1. We must believe we are saved by God's regeneration, not our own rituals.
2. We must be compassionate, yet wise in our witness to the lost.

 **1. Salvation: Regeneration, Not Ritual**

Our Need:

- Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.
- Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...
- Romans 3:11 There is none who understands, there is none who seeks God.

1. Salvation: Regeneration, Not Ritual

False Remedies:

Catholic View – “Baptism is that Sacrament in which man being washed with water in the name of the Three Divine Persons is spiritually reborn” (Ludwig Ott, *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*, p. 350).

1. Salvation: Regeneration, Not Ritual

Understanding John 3:5, 8: Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God...The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

	<u>Baptism</u>	<u>Holy Spirit</u>
Human control?	Yes	No
Regenerative?	No	Yes

2. Compassionate, Yet Wise

Reminder:

Titus 3:2 showing every consideration for all men.

Titus 3:10 Reject a factious man...

Compassionate:

2nd Timothy 2:24-25 The Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance...


2. Compassionate, Yet Wise
Wise:
<u>Matthew 7:6</u> Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.
<u>Acts 18:6</u> But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."


