

Equipped
FOR THE FIGHT

Heirs of Grace

Titus 3:1-15

Lesson 15

Here in the last chapter of Titus, we are reminded that every child of God is an heir of His grace. When you invited Jesus into your heart, you immediately inherited all that the Heavenly Father owns – most notably, the hope of eternal life! This week’s study will be a timely reminder of what we once were and how we have been washed and renewed because of God’s grace. Let’s stop for a moment to recognize that being heirs of grace is an amazing, undeserved, and unearned gift from God!

As His children and heirs, there are ways in which believers should behave. Paul gives us specific guidelines on how to conduct ourselves as he closes his letter to Titus. Because the Christian life is active, we are exhorted to be ready for every good work. We don’t just sit back and enjoy our inheritance, but we serve and show God’s love to others. We are called to be respectful of authority, obedient, kind, gentle, peaceable, considerate and humble. After all, that is the example Jesus Christ left for us.

In this chapter, Paul also reminds us of what we once were. We were foolish, disobedient, deceived, living for our own pleasure and very hateful. And to think that God redeemed us and gave us an inheritance when we acted that way is all the more astounding, but that was His plan from the very beginning. Because of His love and His kindness, He reached out to us while we were sinners and didn’t even know Him in order to make us part of his family.

Paul’s purpose in writing to Titus and to us today was to give us instructions on how to stay on course in our Christian walk and spend our rich inheritance here on earth to grow God’s kingdom. We were absolutely undeserving of His gift of grace, and yet God gave the life of His only Son to give us our inheritance. As we have freely received this gift, let’s freely give it to others!

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Titus 3:1-15

"Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, ²to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. ³For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not 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, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. ⁹But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. ¹⁰Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, ¹¹knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. ¹²When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. ¹³Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. ¹⁴And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. ¹⁵All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen." NKJV

This Week's Memory Verse:

"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."

Titus 3:5

1. In verse one, Paul tells Titus to give directions to the people. Look back at the following verses in Titus 2 and identify the five types of people that Titus was addressing.

- a. v. 2: _____
- b. v. 3: _____
- c. v. 4: _____
- d. v. 6: _____
- e. v. 9: _____

2. What does Paul encourage Titus to remind these people of (v. 1-2)? _____

3. How does Paul describe our previous lives in verse 3? _____

a. Why do you think Paul felt the need to remind Titus of his life prior to believing in Jesus Christ? _____

4. According to verse 4, what was it that drew us to Jesus Christ? _____

a. How does Romans 2:4 add to this statement? _____

b. How were you drawn to Jesus through His love and kindness? _____

“God’s love is measureless. It is more: it is boundless. It has no bounds because it is not a thing but a facet of the essential nature of God. His love is something he is, and because he is infinite, that love can enfold the whole created world in itself and have room for ten thousand times ten thousand worlds beside.”

– A. W. Tozer (1897–1963)

5. Read verse 5 and list what we have and have not been saved by. _____

a. How does Ephesians 2:8 reinforce these statements? _____

b. Do these verses help and encourage your Christian faith? Why or why not? _____

6. How does Paul describe divisive discussions in verse 9? _____

a. According to verses 10-11, how should divisive people be treated? _____

Group Discussion

Read Romans 16:17-18 and discuss how divisions begin and how to avoid them. _____

"In the secret of God's tabernacle no enemy can find us, and no troubles can reach us. The pride of man and the strife of tongues find no entrance into the pavilion of God. The secret of His presence is a more secure refuge than a thousand Gibraltars. I do not mean that no trials come. They may come in abundance, but they cannot penetrate into the sanctuary of the soul, and we may dwell in perfect peace even in the midst of life fiercest storms."

– Hannah Whitall Smith (1832-1911)

