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**Titus – “Hold fast the faithful word”**

**Session 11**

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**“A humble presentation of the gospel”**

As Paul continues with the idea of stewardship, he reminds us that part of the gospel is that God did not choose us because we were shining stars of perfection. We are sinners saved by the grace of God! If we are going to be good stewards of the truth of the gospel, we must remember who we **“once”** were, and how we came to be **“heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”** This is why Paul calls us to **“show all humility to all men”** (3:2). In doing so, our interaction with the world around us becomes a presentation of the gospel message of God’s **“kindness”** and **“love”** and **“mercy”** and **“grace”**, rather than a confrontation of **“malice”** and **“envy”** and **“hate”**. Study this passage to be reminded of just how much your Savior did for you, so that your life might be a humble presentation of the gospel of eternal life, given to you by a kind and gracious God!

**Passage:** Titus 3:3-7 (NKJV)

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: Titus 3:3**

Paul gives the reason why we should **“show all humility to all men”**; we were **“once”** exactly as the lost who we interact with daily. What were the characteristics we once shared with them before Christ?

**Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-3**

In these verses we are reminded of the battle we share with the lost, though now God has saved and changed us so that we no longer **“conduct ourselves”** according to the enemies we face, as they still do. What are the three enemies we battle (v.2-3)?

**Scripture: Titus 3:4-5**

By what means did “**God our Savior**” change what we once were? What was “**not**” a part of how we were saved?

**Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-8**

This passage is even more descriptive than Titus. Look for and write down all the characteristics of God, with their very expressive adjectives, that describe the magnitude of the means by which we were saved.

**Scripture: Titus 3:6**

To what degree did God pour out His Spirit when He saved us from what we once were? How should that be reflected in our treatment of the lost?

**Scripture: Titus 3:7**

What is the message we want to give the lost about our standing with Jesus, and what our surrender to Him has gained us?

**Personal meditation time with Jesus:**

Read through once again, and meditate on, all that Titus 3:3-7 and Ephesians 2:1-8 says about what we **once** were, and who we **now** are and have in Christ. How should this affect our approach to the lost? As you reflect before God on what your attitude toward the lost has been, do you see any attitudes and actions that need to change? How would these passages change your presentation of the gospel in the future?

**Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

1 Corinthians 6:11