

TITUS 3:1-8

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

REFLECTIONS

- What are some examples of good works Paul gives in this passage? Why do you think these are the ones he chose to include?
- What do you think it means to show "perfect courtesy toward all people?" What is Paul's reason for commanding this?
- Why should we be humble toward those who are unregenerate?
- What does it mean to be regenerate? How do you explain the doctrine of regeneration? Is it an essential doctrine? Why do you think that?
- Who is it that gives salvation? How is it given? Why is it given? To whom is it given?
- Why must we never neglect the gospel no matter how long we've been a Christian?

