



BIG IDEA

God saved us, not because we earned it, but because He loves us.

BIBLE

Titus 3:3-15; Titus 3:1-2 (recap); Ephesians 2:8-9

ABOUT THIS WEEK

In the final chapter, Paul reminds us of the Gospel, how we were lost, but God showed us kindness and saved us. Because of that, we now live differently to show the world who He is.

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

HOOK – Who were you before you met Jesus?

- Open with a question: What's something that you've changed your mind on or have grown in over the last few years?
 - Give students room and time to answer.
- Paul invites us to remember who we were BEFORE Jesus – so we never lost sight of what Jesus has done for us. This humble reflection should lead to loving action.

Read Titus 3:3-5

- Paul reminds Titus who we all were before Jesus:
 - Foolish
 - Disobedient
 - Enslaved to sin
 - Living in malice and envy
 - Hateful and hated
 - But then: "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared..."
 - We didn't earn salvation, It came because of God's mercy
 - We are saved not by doing good but because of His grace.
 - **Key Truth #1: Salvation is a gift, not a reward:**
 - Ephesians 2:8-9: "It is by grace you have been saved... not by works"
 - We can't do enough to earn God's love
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- Don't confuse godly behavior with earning approval.

- **Key Truth #2: Our new life demands a new lifestyle – Read Titus 3:6-8**

- We are made new so we can walk in newness of life.
- We don't do good to get God's love, we do good because we have God's love
- Doing good isn't optional – It's a result of God's goodness in our lives.

- **Key Truth #3: Don't get distracted by division – Read Titus 3:9-11**

- Arguments and drama can derail the mission
- Paul urges the church to lovingly correct and, if needed, separate from divisive people
- Why? Because protecting the church's unity protects the reputation of Jesus.

- **Key Truth #4: Doing good is the response to God's love – Read Titus 3:14**

- Paul finishes the letter with a challenge:
 - Let our people learn to devote themselves to doing what is good...
- Doing good is not extra, it's essential
- This isn't about works-based salvation, but Spirit-led obedience

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

- God isn't looking for perfect behavior, He wants a transformed heart
 - Remembering what Jesus saved us from keeps us humble
 - Know what Jesus has done helps us stay grateful
 - Living in response to God's love helps us stay focused.

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

A Personal Challenge: What does your life say about Jesus?

Ask students:

- Are you trying to earn God's love—or living in response to it?
- Is there a part of your life where you've been distracted or divisive?
- What does it look like for you to "do good" this week—not for credit, but from love?

RESPONSE ACTIVITY: "Do Good From Grace"

Give students a chance to write down:

- One part of their "old life" they're thankful Jesus saved them from.
- One area where they want to walk in new life by doing good this week.

Encourage them to keep it in their Bible or take a picture as a reminder.

CLOSING THOUGHT

We were foolish, broken, and lost—

But Jesus came with love, kindness, and mercy—

Now we get to live as people who reflect Him.

Let's be known not for perfection or performance, but for love, humility, and goodness that point back to Jesus.
