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Finding Peace Titus 3 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

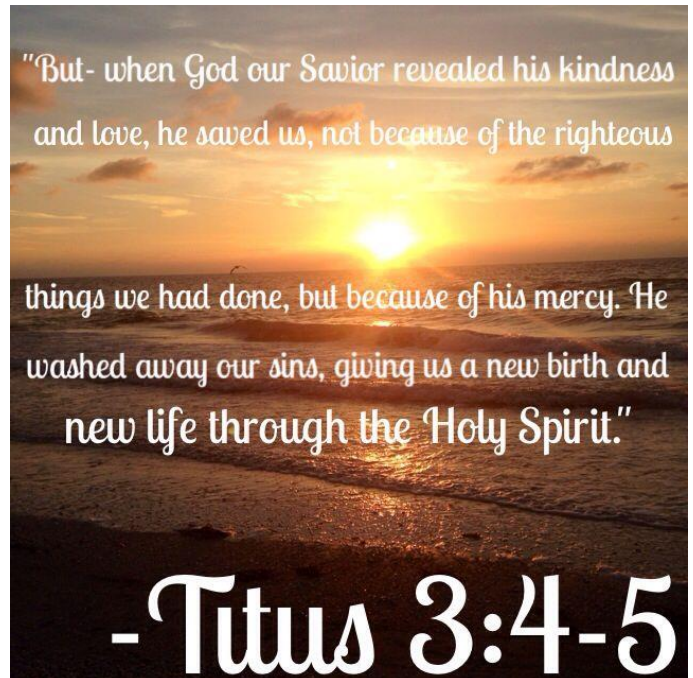
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



The last chapter of Titus includes a few important items for Titus to remember in his ministry. First, it starts off reminding him to be subject to rulers and to be peaceful and gentle with all people. He then spends the next few verses being clear about how we are saved by grace through Christ, not by our deeds. It is clear that these two things are important to each other. Before the final greeting Paul ends with a warning about foolish controversies and the need to reject people who are divisive. In our world today considering the increased communication with social media it is important for us to remember the advice Paul has given. Join us this week as we look at the last of the instruction that Paul gives Titus and we apply it to our challenging world of today.

Titus 3 (NASB)

Godly Living

3 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, **2** to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men. **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. **4** But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, **5** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, **6** whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. **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. **9** But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. **10** Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, **11** knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

Personal Concerns

12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. **13** Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them. **14** Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in *the* faith.

Grace be with you all.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Who do you think the authorities are that Paul is telling them to be subject to?

9. In verse 3 when Paul says we were also foolish, who do you think they are currently dealing with that are foolish?

10. According to verse 5 how did Jesus save us?

11. What do we stand to gain through salvation?

12. In verse 9 what does Paul say that they should avoid?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What authorities should we be subject to?

14. What do you think we should do when we have two authorities over us saying different things?

15. For us today do you think the constitution is considered an authority or is this verse just referring to people?

16. Why is it important for us to understand we are saved by grace not our deeds? How does this impact our ability to be kind and gentle to others? (Refer to verses 2-5)

17. In verse 9 it says to avoid foolish controversies. What are some examples of foolish controversies in today's world?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes