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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." Titus 3:1-2 (NIV)

"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." Titus 3:3 (NIV)

"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,..." Titus 3:4-5 (NIV)

We need to:

1. Let go _____.

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done,..." Titus 3:5a (NIV)

Exodus 20:1-17

Matthew 5:48; Romans 3:23; 6:23; James 2:10; I Peter 1:15-16

2. Recognize ______.

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his \underline{mercy} ..." Titus 3:5a (NIV)

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (NIV)

"There is no one righteous, not even one." Romans 3:10 (NIV)

"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin." Romans 3:20 (NIV)

3. Invite ______.

"...He saved us through the washing of rebirth..." Titus 3:5c (NIV)

4. Cooperate

"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 <u>renewal by the Holy</u> <u>Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our</u> <u>Savior</u>," Titus 3:5-6 (NIV)

II Corinthians 5:17

"...so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7 (NIV)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

"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." Titus 3:8 (NIV)