

GRACE & TRUTH

TITANS

DOES A BODY GOOD

Focusing Point

We can and should live as transformed people in this world because of God's amazing grace in our lives: past, present and future.

Titus 3:3-8

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.

Our Past – Life Before Christ

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People often blame their issues on those who influenced them...
“Oh, I just hung out with the wrong crowd.” But the reason you hung out with the wrong crowd was you liked them better than you did the right crowd. We didn’t just hang out with the wrong crowd; we were the wrong crowd which is why we preferred them. We were born with a disposition toward the wrong, which makes us so deceivable! - JD Greer

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 - Appeared in the person of Jesus**

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- 2. He saved us!**

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- 2. He saved us ... by His power alone.**

God saving us has nothing to do with anything we have done or could do. God has saved us because of his love and mercy.

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- 2. He saved us ... by His power alone.**
- 3. Made alive!**

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Ephesians 2:1

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”

But... – Our Present Reality

Romans 6:11

“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

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- 4. Being Renewed.**

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Ephesians 4:20-24

That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Justified by His Grace – Our Future Hope

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- 1. The Grace of God changes our present reality but also gives us hope for the future.**
- 2. We are heirs with an eternal inheritance**

Reshaped by the Gospel

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Reshaped by Grace

Having experienced the transforming, reshaping power of God's grace in our lives we now have a responsibility to live that out for others to see.