

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Titus Bible Study — Titus 3:4-8 Lesson #5

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Titus before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

4-6 But when the **KINDNESS and the LOVE of God our Savior** toward man appeared, **NOT by works of righteousness which we have done**, but according to His **MERCY He SAVED us**, through the **WASHING of REGENERATION** and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

• **Ephesians 2:8-9** “For by _____ you have been _____ through _____, and that _____ of yourselves; it is the _____ of _____, _____ of _____, lest anyone should boast.”

Definition: “The KINDNESS and the LOVE of God our Savior” – God’s motivation for SAVING us and doing all the wonderful things He does for us is His KINDNESS and LOVE. In the Old Testament the word “lovingkindness” is often used, and the Hebrew word is “hesed” which means unfailling love, goodness, kindness, devotion. These would be **some of the characteristics of God:** His kindness, His compassion, His tenderness in CARING for His people, **His mercy in NOT punishing us for our sins**, and His GRACE in GIVING US the BLESSINGS we DO NOT deserve. We, as Believers in Jesus Christ, are to demonstrate these same characteristics, and they are called **the FRUIT of the SPIRIT**. No, we can’t have these characteristics in ourselves and in our own power, **we need the HOLY SPIRIT and His power** to produce this fruit in our lives.

• **Psalm 51:1-2 & 10** “Have mercy on me, O _____, according to Your _____, according to the multitude of Your _____ blot out my transgressions (sins); _____ me thoroughly from my iniquity, and _____ me from my _____.” (Verse 10) “_____ in me a clean _____, O God, and renew a steadfast _____ within me.”

• **Psalm 25:6** “Remember, O Lord, Your _____ and Your _____, for they have been from of old.”

• **Ephesians 2:4** “But _____, who is rich in _____, for His great _____ with which He _____ us, even when we were _____ in _____, has made us _____ together with _____ (by grace are you saved).”

• **Ephesians 2:7** “That in the ages to come, _____ might _____ the exceeding _____ of His _____ in His _____ towards _____ in Christ Jesus.”

• **Psalm 145:8-10** “The Lord is _____, and full of _____; _____ to _____, and of _____. The Lord is _____ to all; and His _____ are over all His works. All Thy works shall _____ You, O Lord, and Your _____ shall _____ You.”

Psalm 103:2-4 “Bless the _____, O my soul; and _____ not all His _____: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with _____ and _____.”

Definition: “By GRACE you have been SAVED” — Grace means God’s **FAVOR or love and**

acceptance given to us WITHOUT our doing ANYTHING!! **We cannot earn our salvation or pay for it or work for it!!** **Grace** is God giving us GOOD THINGS we DON'T deserve, and **MERCY** is God **NOT GIVING** us the **punishment we DO DESERVE**. It is because of "**The KINDNESS and the LOVE of God our Savior**" that He shows us His grace and MERCY in order to save us poor, sinful human beings.

• **John 3:16** "For _____ so _____ the world that He _____ us His only begotten _____, that whoever _____ in Him should not perish but have _____."

• **II Timothy 1:9** "Who has _____ us and _____ us with a _____, _____ according to _____, but according to His own purpose and _____ which was _____ to us in _____ before time began."

Definition: "He SAVED us, through the WASHING of REGENERATION" – Many things happen to us spiritually at the moment we are saved, and one of them is that **we are WASHED from our sins in the blood of Jesus**. "**REGENERATION**" is just a big word for being BORN AGAIN.

• **John 3:3** "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is _____, he cannot see the _____ of _____."

• **John 1:13** "Who were _____ not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of _____."

• **I Peter 1:23** "Having been _____, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the _____ of _____ which lives and abides forever."

• **Revelation 1:5** "And from _____, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To _____ who _____ us and _____ us from our _____ in His own _____."

Definition: "He cannot SEE the kingdom of God" — Jesus lets Nicodemus (and everyone else) know that it is NOT the keeping of laws, commandments, ordinances, rules, regulations or ANY OUTWARD CONDUCT that makes a person RIGHTEOUS and WORTHY to be a part of God's Kingdom. It must be **an INWARD CHANGE, a NEW BIRTH, a NEW CREATION by GOD** of a COMPLETELY NEW PERSON, for someone to be a part of His Kingdom.

• **Galatians 6:15** "For in Christ Jesus _____ circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a _____."

• **Matthew 5:3** "Blessed are the _____ in _____, for theirs is the _____ of heaven."

Definition: "The POOR in SPIRIT" — This means being HUMBLE, having HUMILITY, the opposite of PRIDE. What does this have to do with Jesus saying a person must be born again? Because no one can come to Jesus by faith and be born again, unless they are "**poor in spirit**" or **humble, and admit that they cannot earn their way to heaven**. This would be the hardest part for someone like Nicodemus, because he thought he already had it made with God.

• **John 3:5** "_____ answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, _____ one is _____ of _____ and the _____, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

• **Ezekiel 36:25** "Then I will sprinkle _____ on you, and you will be clean; I will _____ you from all your filthiness and all your idols."

• **Ephesians 5:25-26** "Husbands, love your wives, just as _____ also loved the _____ and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and _____ it

with the _____ of _____ by the _____.”

Definition: “BORN of WATER and the SPIRIT” — Water is used in scripture to represent the Holy Spirit and the word of God. Since Jesus already mentions the Holy Spirit in this verse, we can assume **the “water” means the word of God.** This is NOT talking about water baptism, because **water baptism is only SYMBOLIC of God’s washing and cleansing us** when we are BORN AGAIN. God washes and cleanses us from our SINS by **His word, the Holy Spirit, and the blood of Jesus.**

• **I Peter 1:23** “Having been _____ again, not of corruptible _____ but incorruptible, through the _____ of _____ which lives and abides forever.”

• **I John 5:6-8** “This is He who came by _____ and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by _____ and _____. And it is the _____ who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three who bear witness in heaven: the Father, the _____, and the Holy _____; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the _____, the _____, and the _____; and these three agree as one.”

• **John 7:38-39** “He who _____ in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his _____ will flow rivers of living _____. But this He spoke concerning the _____, whom those _____ in Him would _____; for the _____ was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

Definition: “He cannot ENTER the kingdom of God” — The reason a person CANNOT enter the kingdom of God without being born again, is because **we are all DEAD in our SINS**, and we MUST have a SPIRITUAL RE-BIRTH and be RE-CREATED and given LIFE by God in order to **LIVE in His kingdom.**

• **I Corinthians 15:50** “Now this I say, brethren, that _____ and _____ cannot inherit the _____ of _____; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.”

• **Romans 8:10** “And if _____ is in you, the body is _____ because of _____, but the _____ is _____ because of righteousness.”

7 That **having been JUSTIFIED by His grace we should become HEIRS** according to the hope of eternal life.

• **Romans 5:1-2** “Therefore, having been _____ by _____, we have _____ with _____ through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have _____ by faith into this _____ in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

• **Romans 3:24 & 28** “Being _____ freely (as a gift) by His _____ through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Verse 28)
“Therefore we conclude that a man is _____ by _____ apart from the deeds of the law.”

• **Luke 18:13-14** “And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God be _____ to me a _____!’ ‘I tell you, this man went down to his house _____ rather than the other; for everyone who _____ himself will be abased (put down, humbled), and he who _____ himself will be _____.”

Definition: “JUSTIFIED” — Justification or the **ACT of being justified** means that God by His **GRACE declares RIGHTEOUS** the sinner who believes on Jesus Christ. It is **NOT a process of becoming** righteous, it is a **ONE-TIME ACT of GRACE** — we are **MADE RIGHTEOUS** the moment

we accept Jesus as our Savior! It is NOT merely FORGIVENESS, although forgiveness is INCLUDED — God does indeed FORGIVE AND FORGET OUR SINS. However, **JUSTIFICATION means God even FORGETS THAT WE WERE EVER SINNERS!** There is NO MORE RECORD of our sins.

Definition: “We should become HEIRS” and “JOINT HEIRS with Christ” — An HEIR is one who will inherit or receive some endowment, property or quality from a PARENT. We are God’s children, so we are also His HEIRS. JOINT HEIRS means **we will INHERIT EQUALLY with Jesus.**

- **Romans 8:17** “And if children, then _____ — heirs of God and _____ with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be _____ together.”
- **Galatians 4:7** “Therefore you are no longer a _____ but a _____, and if a _____, then an _____ of God through _____.”
- **Galatians 3:29** “And if you are _____, then you are Abraham’s seed (descendent), and _____ according to the promise.”
- **I Peter 3:7** “Likewise you _____, dwell with them (*your wives*) with _____, giving _____ to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being _____ together of the grace of life, that your _____ may not be hindered.”
- **Acts 26:18** “To open their eyes, and to turn them from _____ to _____, and from the power of _____ to God, that they may receive _____ of sins, and an _____ among those who are sanctified by _____ in Me (Jesus).”
- **Ephesians 1:14** “Which is the guarantee of our _____ until the _____ of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.”
- **Matthew 25:34** “Then the _____ will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, _____ the _____ prepared for you from the _____ of the world.’”

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that **those who have BELIEVED should be CAREFUL to MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS.** These things are good and profitable to men.

- **Titus 2:7-8** “In _____ things _____ yourself to be a _____ of _____ in doctrine showing _____, reverence, incorruptibility, sound _____ that cannot be condemned, that the one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having _____ evil to _____ about you.”

Definition: “Those who have BELIEVED should be CAREFUL to MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS”
 – What place do “good works” have in our lives? We are saved by **GRACE through our FAITH** (Eph. 2:8-9), and **NOT by our works** or by keeping the Old Testament Law, but our good works are the **PRODUCT** of our salvation, and a **testimony** to unbelievers to **SHOW** them that we belong to the Lord. God also uses us, as we do “good deeds” and acts of charity (love) **to help meet the needs** of His people in the church body.

- **Ephesians 2:10** “For _____ are His _____, created in Christ Jesus _____ good _____, which _____ has _____ beforehand that _____ should _____ in _____.”
- **Titus 3:14** “And let our _____ also _____ to maintain _____ to _____ urgent _____, that they may not be unfruitful.”

•**Colossians 1:10** “That you may have a _____ worthy of the _____,
fully _____ Him, being _____ in every _____.”