

TITUS

Sermon Notes – August 18, 2019

[#5] *Teaching what Accords with Sound Doctrine*

Titus 2:1–3:11

(Pt.2) *Dressed in God's Glory*

(Titus 2:2–10)

Children's Sermon: Wearing the Glory of Heaven!

Who remembers from last week how clothes were used as a picture?

What kinds of clothes are each of us born with?

Isaiah 64:6 (NLT)

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display **our righteous deeds**, they are nothing but *filthy rags*. ...

Jesus comes to give us new clean clothes (e.g. The OT priests)



Exodus 28:40

“For Aaron’s sons you shall make coats and sashes and caps. You shall make them *for glory and beauty*.”

When you have your **heaven outfit** on, who’s glory/beauty do people see?

Transition:

1 Corinthians 15:9–10

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But **by the grace of God** I am what I am, and **his grace** toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, *I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the **grace of God** that is with me.*

Our heaven outfit not only looks like heaven, it is from heaven

(Review) Where Does Purity Come From?

Notes:

¹⁵ **To the pure**, all things *are* pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing *is* pure; **but** both their minds and their consciences **are defiled**. ¹⁶ **They profess to know** God, but **they (themselves) deny him** by their works. *They are* detestable, disobedient, unfit (worthless) for any good work.

Grace Operating through Faith

Titus 3:4–7 (Cf. Poor in Spirit – Matt. 5:3; Eph. 2:8–10)

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ **he saved us**, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal *of the Holy Spirit*, ⁶

whom he poured out on us richly through *Jesus Christ our Savior*, ⁷ so that being justified **by his grace** we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Godly Living in the Household of Faith (2:2–10)

Why Did Paul Write this to Titus?

To give Titus a general sketch of the kind of behavior he should teach in the household of faith that would accord with the gospel.

I. Teach Behavior that Accords with Sound Doctrine

¹ But *as for* you, **teach (speak)** what **accords (is fitting)** with sound doctrine.

A. What does it mean to be in accord with?

accord *noun*

AGREEMENT, CONFORMITY < acted in *accord* with the company's policy >

con•form *verb*

...from Latin *conformare*, to give the same shape, outline, or contour to: bring into harmony or accord ¹

B. What is Sound Doctrine?

II. Because the Gospel Forms Us (2:11–14)

A. Saved by Grace; "Gave Himself" (gospel is the source)

¹¹ **For** the *grace* of God **has appeared**, bringing salvation for all people... ¹⁴ who **gave** himself for us to (so that) [**he may**] redeem us ...

1. This is not a summary of the gospel
2. Why emphasize this aspect of the gospel?

B. We are Conformed to the Gospel... (gospel shaped)

¹² *training us* (so that) **renounc[ing]** ungodliness and worldly passions, ~~and~~ [**we may**] **live** self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ *waiting for* our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**, ¹⁴ ...**from** all lawlessness and **to purify** for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

1. Who do we live for?
2. By who's standard?
3. Whose glory do we care about?

III. Why This Specific Behavior? (2:2-10)

Today's Biblical Bullet...

In the household of faith, this is the kind of behavior that was sent from heaven and conforms to the gospel of Jesus Christ.



A. Older & Younger Men (2:2)

² Older men are **to be** sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, **sound** in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ...

1. The grace of God is training us not to be self-serving law breakers...
2. The grace of God is training us to be serious, careful & sound...



Philippians 2:12–13

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ **for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

B. Younger Men (2:6–8)

⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men **to be self-controlled** (to have sound judgment; be sensible).

⁷ **Show** (causing) yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity (worthy of respect), ⁸ **and sound** speech that cannot be condemned (above criticism), **so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.**

1. The grace of God is training us to be givers...
2. The grace of God is training us to be servants...
3. The grace of God is training us to deliberately be like God...to commend God (v. 7-8)

Heaven is Beautiful & Jesus Can be Trusted

...Fired at our Life & Heart

We are given the glory of heaven to wear!
Wear it with God-confidence & with great joy.



We are rescued by Jesus.

We are encouraged by our fruit not saved by our fruit

We are not rescued through faith in our faith

(Illustration: Airplane)

I. When We Sin... (1 Jn. 1:9)

II. When We are Christ-Like...

2 Corinthians 4:5

For *what we proclaim is not ourselves*, but *Jesus Christ as Lord*, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Be sound in faith, in love & in steadfastness!

ⁱ Merriam-Webster, I. (2003). [*Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary*](#). (Eleventh ed.). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc.