

TITUS

Sermon Notes – Sept. 8, 2019

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

Titus 2:1–3:7 (11)

(Pt.5) *Grace, Mercy & Respect for Everyone*

(Titus 3:1–7)

Children’s Sermon: Why Does Jesus Love Us?

Who do you love? Why do you love them?

Does your Mom love you? Can you imagine Mom not loving you?

Do you ever get in trouble? Does this mean Mom doesn’t love you?

God’s love for his people is better than Mom’s love!

Isaiah 49:15

“Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet **I will not forget you**.”



Jesus, Friend of Sinners! (Romans 5:8, 10)

Titus Review

Notes:

I. Sound Doctrine: Teach & Rebuke

Titus 1:9

⁹ He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in *sound doctrine* and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

II. Good Works & God’s Grace

- A. **God’s Grace** is the **Source** (through Faith)
- B. **God’s Grace** is the **Model**: A Life Conformed to Sound Doctrine/Faith (2:1)

III. A Sketch for Titus to Teach Good Works:

- A. **Unbelievers** can’t escape their own self-centeredness to do any good works
- B. **Men** are to use their authority to be models of service (sound in **faith, love & steadfastness**)
- C. **Women** are to serve their husbands and families in order to be models of service
- D. **Christian slaves** are to serve their human masters in order to be models of service

¹⁵ **Declare** these things; **exhort** and **rebuke** with all authority. **Let no one disregard** you.

E. How do you think Christians should treat unbelievers?
(3:1-7)

⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and **I (myself) want you (yourself) to insist** on these things, so that *those who have believed* in God **may be careful to devote themselves to good works**. These things **are** excellent and profitable for people.

Grace Received Compels Grace Extended (3:1-7)

Today's Biblical Bullet...

Extend the grace, mercy and love you have received.



- I. We Extend Grace & Mercy (Love) (1–2)
- II. Because we Have Received Grace & Mercy (God's Love) (3–7)

A. Because **we know what it is like to need** grace & mercy

³ **For** we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days (conducting our lives) in malice and envy, hated by *others and hating* one another.

B. Because we have experienced God's grace & mercy

⁴ But when the goodness (kindness, benevolence) and loving kindness (affection for humanity) 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 (through) 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.



- 1. Loved while an enemy! (v. 4-5a; God)

Romans 5:8

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- 2. By Washing (5b; Holy Spirit)
- 3. Justified by his grace! (v. 7a; Jesus)
- 4. Heirs of eternal life! (v, 7b)

(v. 3 "For we ourselves...")

- I. We Extend Grace & Mercy (Love) (1–2)

¹ **Remind** them **to be submissive** to rulers and authorities, **to be obedient, to be ready for every good work**,² **to speak evil of no one** (injure reputation), to avoid quarreling (not contentious), **to be gentle** (gracious, forbearing), **and to show[ing] perfect courtesy toward all people**.

1. Love willingly submits to authority
2. Love protects the reputation of others
3. Love is gentle not contentious
4. Courtesy is an outward expression of love
(What about Eddie Haskell?)

Love For & With the Love of Jesus

I. Jesus Perfectly Expresses the Love of **God Our Savior**

- A. Jesus was known as a friend of sinners (Luke 15:1-2)
- B. Jesus respectfully submitted to the Jews, Pilate, the Roman Soldiers! (Luke 23:34)



Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, **in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

II. Conquering through Humble Service (Essence of “Good Works”)

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (God)

¹⁴ For **the love of Christ controls us**, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves **but for him** who for their sake died and was raised.

1 John 4:12 (One Another)

¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and **his love is perfected in us.**

One Example of “Perfect Courtesy”

Ask questions, listen,
& thoughtfully engage.



1. Treat **cultural opponents** as valuable image bearers
2. No sneering at the wicked (Don't fall into the trap!)
3. Do your best to protect a person's reputation
4. “Loving” is not the same as “agreeing with” but...
5. Heaven has a party for every lost soul that returns!