

AUGUST 2, 2020 | DAVID ANDERSON FAMILY NOTES

By His Grace!
Titus 3:3-7



1) To understand grace, we need to understand justice. What is justice?

I think even as small children we instinctually knew what justice is about. We knew when we were treated unfairly or someone got more than us. Justice is getting what you deserve. Christians believe that we have a just God. In fact, we long for justice because God is justice. Christians believe that God is perfect and He requires perfection – holiness! Unfortunately, we are not perfect or holy. *For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.* (Titus 3:3)

2) Why do we need grace?

What makes the Christian worldview so unique is that we believe that it is humanly impossible to remedy our situation. We cannot fix ourselves. The Word of God says that we are imprisoned by our sins and there is no way out, humanly speaking. My sin not only disfigures me and alienates others, but it alienates and separates me from God. The wages or result of my sin is separation from the holy and perfect God.

3) Titus 3:3-7 says the Holy Spirit needs to regenerate us, make us new. Why does He need to make us new?

- Because as Paul says in Titus 3:3: *For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.*
- We can't make ourselves new through good works, "works of righteousness" (v. 5).

4) How do we become new?

Through God's kindness and love (vs. 4). Not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to His mercy He saved (vs. 5). Whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior (vs. 6). We have been justified by His grace; we became heirs according to the hope of eternal life (vs. 7).

5) What are your questions about becoming new? Have you received God's kindness and love through faith and become new? Why or why not?

6) What does all of this mean to you? How do these truths give you hope?

7) Close in prayer by praying for one another.

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. – Titus 3:3-7

2020 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people by 2030.