

FINDING FRUITFUL GRACE TITUS 3

Why we need God's grace — we are sinners. Titus 3:1-3

- To have good relationships with people around us. Vs. 1, 2
- To overcome the progressive decay of sin in our lives. Vs. 3

Foolish =

Disobedient =

Deceived =

Enslaved =

"malice," "hating."

How we are able to experience God's grace — we have a <u>Savior</u>. Titus 3:4-7

By faith in Christ, not works, we experience the saving work of the Trinity to transform us.

- God loves us so He appeared to us. *Appeared* = Titus 2:11; John 1:5; Matthew 24:30
- Holy spirit regenerated and renewed us. Regenerate = Renew =
 Vs. 5 "He saved us...by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit..."
- Jesus Christ justifies us by His grace and gives us eternal hope.
 Vs. 7 "so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

The results of God's grace in our lives — we provide service. Titus 3:8-15

- We engage in good profitable work. Vs. 8
 - Vs. 8 "...those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men."
- We avoid controversies and disputes with people. Vs. 9-11
 - Vs. 9 "But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless."
- We meet the pressing needs of people around us. Vs. 12-15
 - Vs. 14 "Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful."

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION · DIGGING DEEPER

Describe the time and people in your life when you experienced God's grace when you were saved?

In what ways has God graciously worked in your life since you were saved? What can you give thanks to the Lord for doing in your life?

Paul says that because of God's grace we "must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful." What are some ways you enjoy and have a passion for "engaging in good deeds?" The Lord loves to see us work in our area of gifts and passion.

Some key verses to discuss on how grace helps our faith:

- Hebrews 4:16. How does God describe His "throne"? How can that help your prayer life?
- Ephesians 2:4, 5. When you feel you have sinned too much for God to love you, how can these verses help?
- 1 Peter 5:10. When you suffer, how will God's grace help you?
- Isaiah 30:18. What does God long to do for you? How does that encourage you?
- 2 Timothy 1:9 How does God's grace help you for your salvation? When did Christ give you this grace?
- Revelation 22:21. What is the last thing God said to us in the Bible? How important must that be to Him?

NEXT STEPS

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS: Reach out and tell others about Jesus this Christmas. Who are you praying for and reaching out to invite to the Sunday services and special events coming up at Calvary? Stop in the Lobby today and pick up supplies to share cookie boxes and invitations with your neighbors, coworkers, friends or family. You can also help share it online at **SantaAnaChristmas.com**

BE BAPTIZED: Have you trusted in Jesus, but never been baptized? Take a next step in your faith and join us for a Baptism Class **Today at 11:00 am** in the Worship Center Prayer Room to learn about the method and meaning of this biblical command, and how you can participate in this exciting celebration taking place in our United Service on Thanksgiving Weekend, December 1 at 9:30 am. **calvarylife.org/baptism**

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