

Titus (Week 32)

Tit 2:11-15

Last week we saw that as believers, we still have the potential to live according to the world, as **unbelievers**, as **unrighteous**, **ungodly**, according to when we were **of the flesh**. *Eph 5:1-11*

Tit 2:14 **To Redeem us from every lawless deed:**

“Redeem” In the Greek: **lutroō** (loo-tro'-o)

It means to **release** by **paying a ransom**, or to **buy-back**: it implies **paying a price**, to **release captives**. It is a **spiritual liberation**, where **believers** are **freed** from the penalty and power of sin, brought into the **body of Christ**, into His **kingdom**. *Rom 6:18, Col 1:13, Gal 3:10-14*

... to **release or liberate** by paying a **ransom**...

“Ransom” in the English means: a sum of money or other payment demanded or paid for the release of a prisoner. In the Greek, it's **lutron**: meaning a redemption price, or an atonement.

What's the Ransom that was paid? *Mar 10:45, 1Pe 1:18-19*

A people for His own possession: *Joh 10:27-29, Gal 3:28-29*

Peter describes this **possession** to a group of believers who were primarily Jewish:

1Pe 1:1-2, Exo 19:5-6, Deu 7:6-8

Paul was the Hebrew of Hebrews. He understood these things deeply. Look how he now ties in the Gentiles from the mystery: *Eph 1:7-14, Eph 3:1-6*

What was once only meant for the nation of Israel is now meant for the Gentiles also.

Who we **are now** in Christ:

- We **are** Chosen (Tit 1:1)
- We **are** Priests (1PE 2)
- We **are** Holy (purified by Christ once and for all)
- We **are** His sheep (Joh 10:14-16)
- We **are** His bondslaves (Eph 6:6., 1Co 7:22, Rom 6:22)
- We **are** His adopted children (Rom 8:15, Eph 1:5, 1Jn 3:1, Gal 4:5-7)
- We **are** His heirs according to promise (Gal 3:29, Eph 3:6, Rom 8:17)
- We **are** fellow members of the body of Christ (Eph 3:6, 1Co 12:12-13+, Rom 12:4-5)
- We **are** a purified people of His possession (Tit 2:14)

How we should **walk**:

- As His imitators (Godly, Eph 5:1)
- As His representatives (Php 2:15)

- As His ambassadors (2Co 5:20)

The prerequisite for belonging to Christ is **purity** (holy and sanctified), accomplished through redemption, His blood. *Heb 9:22, 1Jn 1:7, 1Jn 3:2-3*

And **zealous for good deeds**:

Homework: Read through Titus and note the verses that mention good deeds.

- We were created for this purpose: *Eph 2:10*
- It is His work that He prepared in you: *Php 2:13*
- He equipped us for this: *Heb 13:20-21*
- His will and work is always **geared towards others**. *Php 2:3-5, 1Jn 3:16-18*

Jesus Christ did it first, and we are to **imitate** his **example**, His **pattern**. This in turn impacts the lives of OTHERS. If you are living for self, you are not doing God's will in Christ, and it's certainly NOT pleasing in His sight, and there is no glory in it.

Paul's **summary** of what he has taught Titus, and how the church is to establish, grow and serve is for a reason and purpose.

- By God's grace we are **saved** (*Tit 2:11*). →
- For us to **deny ungodliness and worldly desires** (*Tit 2:12*) →
- To **live sensibly, Godly and righteous** right now (*Tit 2:12*) →
 - Being a **light** in the darkness, and the **example**
- All the while, **looking for and eagerly awaiting** our **Savior**, the reason to be Godly (*Tit 2:13*). →
- Who **redeemed** us by faith, from every lawless deed (*Tit 2:14*) →
- So we can be a **pure** people of His own possession, not living for self, but to be zealous for **good deeds... to do His will and work** that He predestined and prepared us to do (*Tit 2:14*).
 - Notice: We were redeemed from lawless deeds, purified to accomplish good deeds.

Tit 2:15 Spiritual leaders are to be:

- Grounded in the truth (you have to know what you're talking about)
- Speak and teach
- Exhort and motivate
- Correct and reprove when needed, in love.

They are to teach as Jesus Himself did: *Mat 7:28-29, Luk 4:31-32*

This authority is from the Lord: *1Th 4:1-2, Heb 13:17*