

## Titus (Week 33)

Finishing up Paul's summary of chapter 2: *Tit 2:11-15*

What was first meant for the **nation of Israel** is now meant for the **Gentiles** also.

The **Blessed Hope**. *Rom 15:12-13*

A **people for His own possession**. *Deu 7:6, Eph 1:13-14*

What does it mean to be His own possession?

- We **are** Chosen ourselves (*Tit 1:1*)
  - Israel was a chosen nation
- We **are** Priests ourselves (*1PE 2*)
  - Israel had levitical priests to represent its people.
- We **are** Holy, sanctified ourselves (purified by Christ once and for all)
  - Israel was a Holy Nation, sanctified (set apart) only by keeping the covenant
- We **are** His sheep (*Joh 10:14-16*)
- We **are** His bondslaves (we are owned by Him) (*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*)

Being of His own possession, how should we **walk?**:

- As His imitators (*Godly, Eph 5:1*)
- As His representatives (*Php 2:15*)
- As His ambassadors (*2Co 5:20*)

Remember Jesus said Himself we are the salt of the earth, and we are the light of the world. We are to let our light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (*Mat 5:13-16*)

### Summary of Chapter 2 *Tit 2:11-14*

- 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*) →
- All the while, **looking for and eagerly awaiting** our **Savior** (*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*).

Paul's final Chapter 2 instruction: *Tit 2:15*

Spiritual leaders are to speak with authority. As **representatives, and imitators** of Christ. Because they have been given authority by God.

They are to be:

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

What is full divine authority? *Mat 7:28-29, Luk 4:31-32, Mat 28:18, Joh 17:1-2*  
 This authority is from the Lord: *1Th 4:1-2 Heb 13:17*

**Chapter 3:** *Tit 3:1-15*

Respect of rulers and authorities: *Tit 3:1-2, Rom 13:1-7*

Paul instructs Titus to remind believers to submit to government authorities, be obedient, and be proactive in doing good deeds. This includes being peaceful, considerate, and gentle, avoiding slander, and behaving well, especially because the Cretan culture was known for corruption. There is only one instance where we are NOT to obey worldly authorities whom we are under: That is rules or laws that are explicitly against, or contrary to, the word of God.

**A trustworthy Statement:** *Tit 3:3-8, Eph 2:1-4*

Parallels		
Titus 3	Ephesians 2	
<b>enslaved to</b> various lusts and pleasures	<b>lived in</b> the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh	What we once were: pattern of the unbeliever
we were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived	we were dead in our transgressions	Our previous condition
<b>kindness</b> of God our Savior and His <b>love</b> for mankind appeared... according to His <b>mercy</b>	God, being rich in <b>mercy</b> , because of His great <b>love... in kindness</b> toward us	It's all based on who <b>God is</b> , not anything of us. It's Grace.

“not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness”... *Isa 64:6-9, Eph 2:8-10*  
 Good deeds are to be done because of what God has done for us. Because we are to be Christ-like, imitators of God, and an example to others. Not because we are trying to earn our salvation.

**The Holy Spirit's regeneration and renewing.** *Tit 3:5-6*

What does “richly” that mean? *Joe 2:27-29, Act 10:44-45*

- “Richly” also means we are given **power** by the Spirit: *Act 1:8*
- We are **baptized** with the Spirit, into Christ, a Spiritual baptism: *Mat 3:11, 1Co 12:13*
- He is the helper, given by the Father: *Joh 14:26*
- He is the seal of our salvation: *Eph 1:13*
- He is the source of our spiritual gifts: *1Co 12:7*
- He is the Living Water: *Joh 4:7-14, Joh 7:37-39*