

Titus (Week 36)

Tit 3:1-8

The Spirit "Poured Out Richly"

We saw the weight behind Paul's phrase that the Holy Spirit was "poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior." The intent is that Paul chose this language deliberately, drawing on a deep Old Testament tradition where "pouring out" always signified something massive in scale and transformative in effect — never something small or incidental. Jer 44:6, Lam 4:11, Nah 1:6

Second, the same **powerful language** is applied to **God's gifts of grace**: the **love of God** poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5), the **blood of Christ** poured out for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:28), the **Holy Spirit Himself** poured out on all mankind

Two passages capture this arc especially well.

1. **Isaiah 44:3** records God's **promise**, "I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring and My blessing on your descendants,"
2. **Acts 10:44-45**, the **promise expanded** beyond Israel when the Jewish believers are amazed "because the **gift** of the Holy Spirit had been **poured out on the Gentiles also**".

The word "**richly**" in Titus 3:6 is the capstone. It points to:

1. **Power** for witness,
2. **Spiritual baptism** into one body (the body of Christ),
3. The indwelling **Helper** and **Teacher**,
4. The **seal of salvation**,
5. **Spiritual gifts** for the common good of the body of Christ

He was telling the church that the same God whose outpouring once **shook nations in judgment** has now, through **Christ**, directed that same **overwhelming force** toward **grace**. The fitting response is **gratitude**, **faithfulness**, and **a life shaped** by so great a gift. *1Pe 4:10*

"These things are **good and profitable**".

Making the most of the time for good, in our godly conduct, our "engaging in good deeds". Having **value**. This results in earthly blessing and eternal rewards, and ultimately glorifies God. *1Ti 4:6-9, 1Co 9:24-25, 2Ti 4:6-8*

Now, what is the opposite of being **profitable**, of having **value** in the spiritual life?
Being unprofitable and worthless! *Tit 3:9, 2Ti 2:14*

And, when it comes to this, there is always an instigator... *Tit 3:10-11*

Who is a “factious man”? Well, first it means factious “person”. It’s gender-neutral. **aihretikos** meaning “causing division, heretic”, and **anthropos** meaning person, human being.

This ties into vs 9, showing what these **divisive people** were involved in:

- foolish controversies and genealogies
- strife
- disputes about the Law,
- unprofitable and worthless.

It boils down to these infiltrators are simply **unbelievers** trying to cause division. Paul even instructs to give some grace in the situation by providing a couple of warnings first before rejecting or shunning them. *Pro 6:16-19, Pro 16:27-30, Jer 5:26-27, Tit 1:10-11, Act 20:28-30, Mat 7:15-20, 1Co 1:10, Rom 16:17-20*

Tit 3:12-15