

Study 6

Read Titus 3:1-7

I. Being a good testimony in society (1-2)

Discussion Questions

- Who is the “them” in verse 1?
- What does it mean to “be subject”?
- Who would classify as rulers or authorities?
- Which authorities do you have the most challenging time submitting to? Why? What if the leaders are not Christian? What if you disagree?
- How can you be “ready for every good deed?” What does this imply about how we should approach each day?
- What can we do to be peaceable with others? What if someone just wants to fight?
- What is the significance of the adjective “all” in “all men”? How can we show consideration for all men?

Reflect – Why is it difficult for people to submit to authority?

Application – Submit to governing authorities. Do so with a good attitude from the heart.

Be ready for every good deed – Two words stand out in that sentence. The first is “ready.”

Doing good deeds is not something that will happen automatically. Our flesh will often resist the chance and instead choose the lazy, easy, or selfish route.

Reflect – What does it mean to be “ready” to do good works?

Reflect – What good deeds can you be “ready” to do in everyday life?

Application – Being ready requires a willingness and quickness to help. We should look for opportunities to do good to others. We should then take the initiative when those opportunities come.

Allowing bitterness to take root in our hearts is unhealthy spiritually and will result in many rotten “fruits” as that hostility works its way to the surface.
Be gentle and avoid quarreling –

Reflect – What triggers you to lose your cool?

II. Our new condition in Christ (3-7)

Discussion Questions

- What is the relationship between verse 3 to verse 2? In what way were you deceived (not only doctrinally, but personally)?
- In what way were you foolish?
- Were you envious of others?
- What are some examples of things which the world views as being wise or clever but God views as being foolish?
- What changed this desperate condition? What is this that appeared? How did He appear?
- What does verse 5 tell us about the conditions for salvation? Who saved us (ourselves?)? Why? How? To what degree (6)?
- What was the result of this salvation? Heirs of what?

Reflect – How can we grow in discernment so that we can see through deception and temptation?

Application – God has been very generous with us. He richly pours out His blessings on us. We should be generous with others.

Application – When you are tempted to lose your cool, to get angry, to argue, or to complain, remember that you have received grace upon grace. Remember where you were and where you are. Acknowledge that without the grace of God, you would be foolish, disobedient, a slave of passion, and hating others as you used to be.