

# **A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN**

## **Titus 3:1-7**

**We tend to forget God's guidelines, goodness and grace and therefore neglect making much of an impact on those in our communities**

### **I. REMEMBER OUR RESPONSIBILITIES** (1-2)

- This is who we should be ...

#### **A. TOWARD GOVERNMENT (1)**

1. Be Submissive - See also Romans 13:1-7 and I Peter 2:13-17
  - Willingly put yourself under others
2. Be Obedient: To particular orders and mandates
3. Be Alert: Ready for good deeds > Cooperative in community affairs

#### **B. TOWARD OTHERS (2)**

1. Be Sweet: No maligning which includes slander, insults and abusive language
2. Be Peaceable: No brawling, quarreling and contentiousness
3. Be Gentle: Moderate and tolerant, not holding a grudge or demanding one's rights
4. Be Considerate: Practicing perfect courtesy, being respectful and selfless
5. Be Thoughtful (a summary)
  - a. Avoid hostility: Christianity and anarchy are not compatible
  - b. Live righteously: And thereby make the gospel credible
  - c. Focus evangelistically: Not culturally or politically for only the gospel saves

### **II. REMEMBER OUR REBELLION** (3)

- This is who we once were ...

#### **A. OUR CONDITIONS**

1. Foolish: Doing senseless things due to a lack of spiritual understanding
2. Disobedient: Resisting authority and desperately wicked (see Jeremiah 17:9)
3. Deceived: Committed to error and lead astray even by religious systems
4. Enslaved: Held captive by strong impulses (lusts) and hedonistic indulgences (pleasures)
5. Malicious: Having a depraved desire to injure or harm
6. Envious: Jealous over the success of another
7. Hateful: A loathsome repulsion of anything that displeases them
8. Hating: A loveless prejudice and antagonism toward those around us

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## B. OUR CORRUPTION

1. Formerly unrighteous - I Corinthians 6:9-11
2. Dead in trespasses - Ephesians 2:1-3
3. Former blasphemers - I Timothy 1:12-13

## III. **REMEMBER OUR REDEMPTION** (4-7)

- This is who we are ...

### A. THE SUMMARY (5a)

- He saved us!

### B. THE SOURCE (4)

1. God's Kindness: His gracious generosity and benevolence
2. God's Love: An affectionate care for the distressed
3. God's Appearance: He shined in and made Himself known

### C. THE BASIS (5b)

1. Not our righteous deeds: The uprightness that we create and celebrate
2. But according to His mercy: A self-motivated and spontaneous compassion

[D. Edmond Hiebert, "Titus," p. 70]

### D. THE MEANS (5c-6)

1. The washing or regeneration: A rebirth resulting in radical change
2. The renewing of the Holy Spirit: A complete renovation and moral makeover

### E. THE RESULT (7)

1. Presently: Justified
  - Made right so that we can stand before God without condemnation - See Rom. 5:1
2. Ultimately: Heirs of eternal life
  - The recipients of a divinely promised benefit - See Rom. 8:16-17

## **CONCLUSION:**

Remember God's divine response

1. He saves rebels (3)
2. He saves by grace without our works (4-7)

Remember our divine responsibility

- Do right! (1-2)

Review I Peter 2:9

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