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**Week 5 Icebreaker:** Who is someone in history that you admire (try and choose someone outside of the Bible). What is it about that person you find admirable?

### Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, pour out your Spirit on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we may become heirs with the hope of eternal life. As we gather together, teach us how to devote ourselves to good works for pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful. Amen

**Summary Review:** In week 1 your group created a one sentence summary for Titus. Have someone share this summary with the group.

**Quick Overview:** Read Titus 2:11-15, 3:3 (above) once and quickly answer the following questions.

- Are there any repeated phrases or ideas that stick out to you?
- What does this passage say about our character as Christians?
- What does this passage tell us about Jesus and his work of salvation?
- What do you think is the main point of this passage?

**Sermon Discussion Guide:** Take some time to review last Sunday's sermon, discussing them major themes of the sermon, questions you may have, and ways to apply the message into your lives.

- What was the major theme of this Sunday's message? What were key points in the message that connected with the overall theme?

- Our theme through Titus is *devoted to good*, how did this week's message tough on this overall theme? Were you encouraged to be devoted to good? How?
- Review the comments and questions you made in your first week, in regard to this week's passage in Titus. Were any of these questions answered? If so, how?
- What were some questions or concerns you had from this week's message? Was there anything said that you did not understand or disagreed with?
- How were you encouraged to apply the advice given to Titus into your own life and spiritual development?

**SALVATION:** This week the key topic we are going to look at is salvation through Jesus Christ. Salvation means that we have been rescued from death. We live in a world that tends to think that most of us are not bad, but the Bible continually tells us that all of us, every person, is sinful and has missed the mark when it comes to living holy and righteous lives. We are all in need of rescue from the death of our sins.

**Titus 3:3** *We too were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved by various passions and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, detesting one another.*

- Paul has some strong words describing humanities sinfulness. Are there any that stand out to you?
- Do any of these descriptions make you feel uneasy or uncertain?
- Why do you think Paul uses such powerful description for our sinfulness?
- How do these descriptors help us understand our need for a Savior?

**Quote from Tim Chester:** The reality is that we will never understand the wonderful kindness and love of God until we face the reality of what we are like without him. We are trapped by our habits, but they are habits formed by our actions. We need more than a helping hand. We need someone to save us. We need a complete rescue.

Ephesians 2 pants an even more drastic image of the depths of despair caused by our sinfulness.

**Ephesians 2:1-3** *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins 2 in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. 3 We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.*

- How does this passage from Ephesians help us understand the depths that we have fallen and our need for supernatural rescue?

“We must plumb the depths of our own heart before we can grasp the heights of God’s.” - **Tim Chester**

- Why is it important to be aware of our sinfulness (the depths of our own heart)?
- How does this awareness help us understand the “wonderful and matchless grace of Jesus”?

**Titus 2: 11-14** *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.*

The grace of God that appeared is Jesus. On that first Christmas day Jesus stepped out of heaven and became one of us. As John 1:14 poetically describes it, “*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*” Jesus, who was entirely God, became one of us, so that he could offer salvation, true rescue from eternal death, for all people.

- What does Jesus appearance say about the grace of God?
- How does Jesus’ appearance on earth lead to salvation for all people?

**Titus 2: 14** *He gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people for his own possession.*

- Jesus gave himself for our redemption. Why it vital that we understand that Jesus chose to give himself for us?
- Redemption means “to buy back.” Jesus bought us back from the power and control of sin in our lives. What does it mean for you that Jesus bought you back from your sin?
- Because Jesus has bought you back, redeemed you, how should that reshape your life?

**Titus 2: 11-12, 14** *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age... He gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people for his own possession, eager to do good works.*

The Bible makes it clear that we are not saved, rescued, or redeemed by anything at we do. Our good works will never be enough, it is only because of grace of God, Jesus, appeared and redeemed us through his sacrifice on the cross. Paul, in his letter to Titus, explains that that this salvation is to righteous living and good works. Jesus brings salvation and instructions. The grace of God does not want to leave us in our sinful ways, but wants to instruct us into godliness.

- According to Titus 2:11-12 What does the grace of instruct us to do? What might this look like in our everyday lives.

- Verse 14 suggests that our redemption, through Jesus, should make us eager to do good works. Why?
- Because of God's amazing grace through Jesus, we should be eager to do good works, not to buy our forgiveness but in response to it. Why is that significant.

*Titus: 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**Appeared & Appearing:** The New Testament talks about the double appearance of Jesus. The first coming happened 2000 years ago in Bethlehem, the second coming has yet to occur. There are many different understandings of what this second coming will be. For the point of this study we will not go into the various interpretations, because the truth is we will not know what the second coming will look like until it is finally occurring. Our job should not be to obsess over a future event that we have no control over, are to wait patiently, and *“live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way.”*

- How does knowing that we are living between the two appearances shape our understanding of God?
- How does knowing that we are living between the two appearances shape how we live out our faith in our world?

**Challenge:** We have been saved by grace through faith so that we can do the good works that God has designed us to. How can you express your gratitude for God's amazing grace in your life? How will God's good work inspire you to be devoted to doing good?

**Wrap-up:** Take a look back at the questions you created from lesson one to see if any of these questions have been addressed and answered in this week's study.

- Were any of the questions addressed in this week's lesson or sermon?
- Has your time in Titus this week help you discover any answers to these questions?

**Conclusion:** How has your study this week guided you in your faith and inspired you toward being devoted to good? How can the small group encourage you to remain devoted to godliness?

**Close in Prayer:** Collect prayer requests from the groups and spend time praying for ways to encourage each other to be devoted to good.