



# From Hopelessness to Goodness

## Titus 3:1-11

**First Question:** If you were *financially destitute* and God gave you \$10,000,000,000 what would you do with it?

**Second Question:** If you were *spiritually destitute* and God gave you grace what would you do with it?

### #1 Before the grace of God appeared our condition was horrible and hopeless. v 3

- Foolish—v 3:
- Disobedient—v 3:
- Deceived—v 3:
- Enslaved to our various lusts and pleasures—v 3:
- Living lives of malice—v 3:
- Living lives of envy—v 3:
- Hateful people and hating one another—v 3:
- The Summary: Our condition was a mess—it could not have been worse!

### #2 In our hopeless condition the kindness and love of God appeared! vv 4-8a

- Appeared—v 4:
- The kindness of God our Savior appeared—v 4:
- His love for mankind appeared—v 4:
- He saved us according to His mercy—v 5:
- By the washing of regeneration—v 5:
- He justified us by His grace—v 7:
- He made us heirs of the hope of eternal life—v 7:
- He saved us despite our utter and absolute spiritual bankruptcy—v 3:

### #3 Having received stunning grace we live lives of good deeds. vv 1, 2, 8-11

- Remind them—v 1:
- Be subject to rulers, to authorities, be obedient—v 1:
- Be ready for every good deed—v 1:
- Malign no one—v 2:
- Be peaceable—v 2:
- Be gentle—v 2:
- Show every consideration for all men—v 2:
- Insist that having believed we are careful to engage in good deeds—v 8:
- Avoid foolish controversies—v 9:
- Avoid genealogies—v 9:
- Avoid strife—v 9:
- Avoid disputes about the law—v 9:
- Reject a factious man after a first and a second warning—vs 10, 11:

**The Foundational Truth:** Having received stunning grace in our hopelessness...we must live lives of stunning good deeds.

**Conclusion:** Pick up a list of good deeds—ask God to highlight one for you and do it!

- With God's help and guidance I will serve by \_\_\_\_\_ for this person or persons:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- Please tell us what happened at: <http://cbcgooddeeds.com/> or via a note card available in the Commons.

# “Walking Papers”

*Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.*

**The Foundational Truth:** Having received stunning grace in our hopelessness...we must live lives of stunning good deeds.

**Please read Titus 3:1-11 each day before looking at the exercises below.**

- **Today:** Please read verse 3 again. Is this your current condition—if so is there anything keeping you from trusting Christ right now? Is this your former condition—if so is there anything keeping you from thanking God right now?
  
- **Monday:** Please read verse 4 again. In what ways has God shown kindness to you? Take some time to list them and thank Him.
  
- **Tuesday:** Please read verse 7 again. What is the “hope of eternal life” to you?
  
- **Wednesday:** Please read verse 8 again. What is the reason for connecting “believing God” with “good deeds?”
  
- **Thursday:** Please read verse 8 again. How are good deeds “good and profitable for men?”
  
- **Friday:** Please make a list of the good deeds that have been done to you or for you that you can remember. What was the impact on you of receiving this help?
  
- **Saturday:** Please make a list of the good deeds that were carried out by believers and that were recorded in the New Testament. What was the impact of these things on the recipient? On the doer? On those who watched?
  
- **Service Outcomes:** Please record the good deed that you did this week and the person/persons you helped and the outcome of that service:

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- **Please read for tomorrow: Titus 3:12-15**

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