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7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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### Remind the people...3:1-2

Of what is Titus to remind the people? 3:1-2; Gal.6:10; ITim.2:1-4; Rom.12:18

**To be subject to rulers/authorities, obedient, doing good, no slander, peaceable, humble.**

Which one of these commands is the hardest? Why??

What's the consistent NT teaching of how we live in a fallen culture? Col.3:12-14; IPet.3:15

**To be like Christ. Gentle, humble, under control. Subject to the will of the Father.**

Why do believers need to be reminded of this truth? Phil.2:5-13

**It's not 'natural' for us to be this way. We tend to want 'our rights'! It's hard work (v.12).**

### Reminder! Here's what Salvation is all about...3:3-8

What's the next thing believers are instructed to remember? 3:3 ICor.6:9-11 Lu.6:35-36

**Before we were saved: foolish, disobedient, deceived, sinful, malice, envy, hated, hateful!**

Why would Paul even have to remind us of all these things? ICor.2:14

**To emphasize that the *unsaved* ALWAYS act like the *unsaved*! Don't expect Godliness...**

What happened when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared? 3:4-5a; Eph.2:1-9

**He saved us! Not because of our righteous deeds but because of His mercy. By grace...**

What two specific steps are identified in our salvation? 3:5b Eph.5:25-26; IICor.5:17; Jn.3:5

**1. by the washing (Grace) of rebirth. 2 by the renewal (Mercy) of the Holy Spirit.**

How does Paul expound this truth in Romans? Rom.4:4-8

**By 'imputation'. Our sin washed away in Christ; we're made righteous by faith in Christ.**

In what manner did God pour out the Holy Spirit on us? 3:6 Jn.14:16-17, 16:7

**He poured out the Holy Spirit on us; generously, richly, in full measure, abundantly!**

And what is one thing this gift of the Holy Spirit accomplishes? 3:7 Rom.8:17; James 2:5

**Having been justified (washing, Grace), we become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**

Is this doctrine in any way questionable? 3:8a see ITim.1:15

**Absolutely not! This is a trustworthy statement. One to be carefully understood.**

Why did Paul make such emphasis on this truth? 3:8b ; 3:14

**So that believers would be devoted to doing good deeds. Excellent and profitable!**

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