

Right Living in Society - Titus 3:1-15

Topics:

Authority, Eternal Life, Holy Spirit, Humility, Mercy, Obedience,
Quarrels, Salvation, Spiritual Rebirth

Open It Questions

A. What is the dirtiest job you ever had to do?

B. When is it beneficial to argue about an issue?

C. In your experience, how can an argument damage a friendship?

Explore It Questions

1. How does God want us to respond to authority? (3:1)

2. How does God want us to treat all people? (3:1-2)

3. What are we like before we are saved? (3:3)

4. What changes when we believe in Christ? How? (3:4-7)

5. What saved Paul from his foolishness? (3:4-5)

6. Why does God save people? (3:4-5)

7. What role does the Holy Spirit play in a person's salvation? (3:5-6)

8. What is the result of being justified by grace? (3:7)

9. What did Paul tell Titus to stress? Why? (3:8)

10. Why is it important to avoid controversies and arguments? (3:9)

11. How should we treat a person who divides friends? (3:10-11)

12. What do Paul's instructions in verses 12 and 13 teach Titus about relationships? (3:12-13)

13. Why is it important for us to do what is good? (3:14)

14. Why did Paul pray that God's grace be with the believers on Crete? (3:15)

Get It Questions

15. In what ways do you need to subject yourself to rulers and authorities?

16. What does it mean to show true humility?

17. How can you show humility in all you do?

18. What difference does it make that God saves us out of His great mercy, and not because of anything we do?

19. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life?

20. What can you do to devote yourself to doing what is good?

21. What can you do to guard yourself against getting involved in useless arguments?

Apply It Questions

22. What is one way you can serve others in your home, place of work, or church this week?

23. What can you do this next week to reconcile a damaged relationship?

24. How can you say thank you to God in the next few days for His saving grace toward you?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Southfield, Michigan

Welcome to Bible Study!

Facilitators

Rev. Rodney Kemp

Rev. Valerie Crump

Rev. Jacqueline Albert

Dean Donna Wilson

Minister Alicia Martin

Sunday School Instructors

Robbin Cooper, Sunday School Supt.

Jacqueline Bray, Instructor

Jonathan Clark, Instructor

Kendall Taylor, Instructor

Vineta Mitchell, Instructor

Gloria Vinson, Instructor

Titus
3:1-15

***“Right Living
in Society,”***

BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES



Download Bible Study questions at
www.newhope-mbc.org

☐ Holy Bible

☐ Participant Questionnaire/
Worksheet

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Southfield, Michigan



“Right Living in Society”

Titus 3:1-15



TOPICS

“Right Living in Society”

Titus 3:1-15



TOPICS

- ☐ Authority
- ☐ Eternal Life
- ☐ Holy Spirit
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Mercy
- ☐ Obedience
- ☐ Quarrels
- ☐ Salvation
- ☐ Spiritual Rebirth

“Right Living in Society”

Titus 3:1-15



OPEN IT QUESTIONS



OPEN IT QUESTIONS

A. What is the dirtiest job you ever had to do?



OPEN IT QUESTIONS

B. When is it beneficial to argue about an issue?



OPEN IT QUESTIONS

- C. In your experience, how can an argument damage a friendship?

“Right Living in Society”

Titus 3:1-15



INTRODUCTION



INTRODUCTION

Most of [chapter 2](#) covered relationships and responsibilities of believers. In this chapter, Paul discussed Christian behavior in the context of government and society. The quality of our earthly citizenship should reflect the confidence we have in our heavenly citizenship! Because we are citizens of the eternal Kingdom, we can live with hope and serve people in the earthly kingdom.

“Right Living in Society”

Titus 3:1-15



SCRIPTURE



Titus 3:1-3 NLT

¹Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good.

²They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

³Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.



Titus 3:4-7 NLT

⁴ But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,

⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

⁷ Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.



Titus 3:8-11 NLT

⁸ This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

⁹ Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time.

¹⁰ If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them.

¹¹ For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them.



Titus 3:12-15 NLT

¹² I am planning to send either Artemas or Tychicus to you. As soon as one of them arrives, do your best to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to stay there for the winter.

¹³ Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos with their trip. See that they are given everything they need.

¹⁴ Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive.

¹⁵ Everybody here sends greetings. Please give my greetings to the believers—all who love us. May God’s grace be with you all.



EXPLORING THE TEXT

Titus 3:1-3

- ❑ Duties of Citizens (3:1-2)
- ❑ Character Before Salvation (3:3)



Duties of Citizens

1. How does God want us to respond to authority? (3:1)

¹Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good.



Duties of Citizens

2. How does God want us to treat all people? (3:1-2)

¹Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good.

²They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.



Character Before Salvation

3. What are we like before we are saved?
(3:3)

³ Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.

See also 1 Corinthians 6:9-11





Character Before Salvation

⁹ Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,¹⁰ or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

*¹¹ Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. **(1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT)***



Exploring the Text

Titus 3:4-7

- ☐ Amazing Changes (3:4-7)
- ☐ Why God Saves (3:4-5)
- ☐ The Holy Spirit's Role (3:5-6)
- ☐ Justified by Grace (3:7)



Amazing Changes

4. What changes when we believe in Christ?
How? (3:4-7)

⁴ But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,

⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

⁷ Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.



Amazing Changes

5. What saved Paul from his foolishness?
(3:4-5)

⁴ But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,

⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.



Why God Saves

6. Why does God save people? (3:4-5)

⁴ But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,

⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit's Role

7. What role does the Holy Spirit play in a person's salvation? (3:5-6)

⁵ ...he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.



Justified by Grace

8. What is the result of being justified by grace? (3:7)

⁷ That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



Exploring the Text

Titus 3:8-9

- ☐ Teach God’s Truth (3:8)
- ☐ Defend the Faith—Don’t Debate! (3:9)



Teach God’s Truth

9. What did Paul tell Titus to stress? Why?
(3:8)

⁸ This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.



Defend the Faith--Don't Debate!

10. Why is it important to avoid controversies and arguments? (3:9)

⁹ Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time.



Exploring the Text

Titus 3:10-11

❑ Handling Those Who Divide (3:10-11)



Handling Those Who Divide

11. How should we treat a person who divides friends? (3:10-11)

¹⁰ If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them.

¹¹ For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them. (3:10-11)

See Prov. 6:16-19





Handling Those Who Divide

¹⁶ These six things the LORD hates; Indeed, seven are repulsive to Him:

*¹⁷ A proud look [the attitude that makes one overestimate oneself and discount others],
a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,*

*¹⁸ A heart that creates wicked plans,
Feet that run swiftly to evil,*

*¹⁹ A false witness who breathes out lies [even half-truths], And one who spreads discord (rumors) among brothers. **(Proverbs 6:16-19 AMP)***



Exploring the Text

Titus 3:12-13

☐ Christian Relationships (3:12-13)



Christian Relationships

12. What do Paul's instructions in verses 12 and 13 teach Titus about relationships? (3:12-13)

¹² I am planning to send either Artemas or Tychicus to you. As soon as one of them arrives, do your best to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to stay there for the winter.

¹³ Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos with their trip. See that they are given everything they need.



Exploring the Text

Titus 3:14-15

- ❑ Saved, Not BY Good Works, but FOR Good Works (3:14)
- ❑ Grace to all Loving Believers (3:15)



Saved, Not BY Good Works, but FOR Good Works

13. Why is it important for us to do what is good? (3:14-15)

¹⁴ Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive.

See Ephesians 2:8-9





Saved, Not BY Good Works, but FOR Good Works

*⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

*¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God prepared before-
hand that we should walk in them.*

(Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV)



Grace to All Loving Believers

14. Why did Paul pray that God’s grace be with the believers on Crete?

¹⁵ Everybody here sends greetings. Please give my greetings to the believers—all who love us. May God’s grace be with you all.

See also 1 Timothy 1:14





Grace to All Loving Believers

*The grace of our Lord [His amazing, unmerited favor and blessing] flowed out in super-abundance [for me, together] with the faith and love which are [realized] in Christ Jesus.
(1 Timothy 1:14 AMP)*

“Right Living in Society”

Titus 3:1-15



**Get It Questions
#15 - #21**

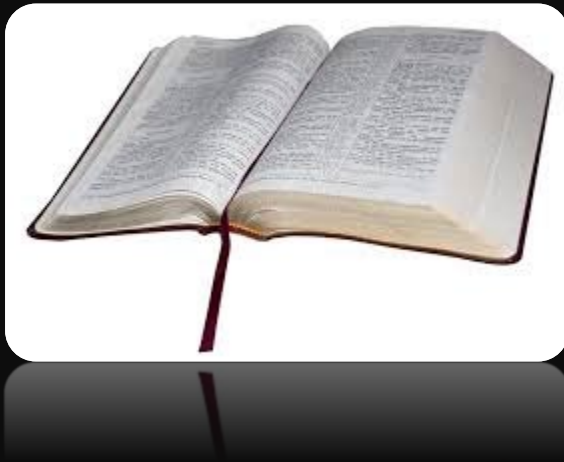
**Apply It Questions
#22 - 24**

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Southfield, Michigan



**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
of Southfield Michigan**

Next Week's Bible Study Lesson



Philemon

1:1-2

*Introduction,
Background, and
Context*

Sounds like
fuh·lee·muhn

*Grace,
Love &
Forgiveness*