

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

SAVED FROM SOMETHING TO SOMETHING

TITUS 3:1-8

NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022

- I. Evidence of a Life Changed by the Gospel: vs. 1-2
- II. Evidence of a Life Void of the Gospel: vs. 3
- III. Evidence of God's Grace in the Gospel: vs. 4-7
- IV. Why does this matter?
 - Because the gospel changes our obedience from duty to delight
 - Because we give our feelings too much power in our lives

Questions:

1. What is the danger of getting the order wrong with good works in the Christian life? As a follow up, have you experienced this in your own life and what did that look like?
 - *"Religion operates on the principle 'I obey, therefore, I am accepted by God.' But the operating principle of the gospel is 'I am accepted by God through what Christ has done, therefore I obey.'" - Tim Keller*
 - *"Imperatives in the Bible always flow out of indicatives." - Martin Luther*
2. As you reflect on the four areas of a life changed by the gospel in vs. 1-2, which area do you struggle with the most and why? This would be a good opportunity for each person to share and ask the small group for prayer.
 - Four Areas:
 - i. Civil obedience is a Christian obligation
 - ii. Eagerness toward good deeds
 - iii. Life-giving words
 - iv. Gentle compassion
3. As you think about vs. 3 and the seven characteristics of a life void of the gospel, what are the dangers and the positives of reflecting on what God has saved you from?
4. In vs. 4-7 Paul beautifully lays out evidence of God's grace in the gospel. When you think through the basis, the effects, the means, and the goal (vs. 4-7), which aspect was most helpful to you and why?
5. In vs. 8, Paul wants us to insist on these gospel truths. Pastor Chris shared two reasons why it is important to do so (See above in the sermon outline section). Which one resonated with you most and why? Are there are other reasons you'd add to why it is important to soak our hearts in these truths?