

SERMON OUTLINE

SAVED FROM SOMETHING TO SOMETHING

TITUS 3:1-8

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“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

I. Evidence of a Life Changed by the Gospel: vs. 1-2

Four Areas:

- a. Civil obedience is a Christian obligation
- b. Eagerness toward good deeds
- c. Life-giving words
- d. Gentle compassion

II. Evidence of a Life Void of the Gospel: vs. 3

Seven Characteristics

“Too many think lightly of sin, and therefore think lightly of the Savior. He who has stood before his God, convicted and condemned, with the rope about his neck, is the man to weep for joy when he is pardoned, to hate the evil which has been forgiven him, and to live to the honour of the Redeemer by whose blood he has been cleansed.” – Charles Spurgeon

III. Evidence of God’s Grace in the Gospel: vs. 4-7

- a. The basis
- b. The effects
- c. The means
- d. The goal

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

“My feelings are not God. God is God. My feelings do not define truth. God’s Word defines truth. My feelings are echoes and responses to what my mind perceives. And sometimes – many times – my feelings are out of sync with the truth. When that happens – and it happens every day in some measure – I try not to bend the truth to justify my imperfect feelings, but rather, I plead with God: Purify my perceptions of your truth and transform my feelings so that they are in sync with the truth.” – John Piper, *Finally Alive*

BENEDICTION: “⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” – Ephesians 2:4-6,8-10