

Sermon Based Discussion

Sermon Title: "It's Good to Do Good"

Sermon Series: Putting the Church in Order (The Book of Titus)

Sermon Text: Titus 3:1-8

OPENING QUESTION

1. What's something you or your family members have been prone to forgetting? Do you have a "horror story" to share about a time you or a family member forgot something important?

INTO THE BIBLE

(Read Titus 3:1-2)

2. In v1-2, what does Paul want Titus to remind the Christians to do?

(Read Titus 3:3-8)

3. So in the first two verses, Paul talks about reminding Christians to submit to the authorities and to be courteous to all people... generally "doing good". In v3-8, what reasons does Paul give for "doing good"?
4. We talked a little about this last week - how God's grace enables us to "do good" and renounce our sinful nature. In v5, Paul talks about how Christians are saved through the "washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit". How does this connect with renouncing our sinful nature and "doing good"?
5. So what kind of person do you think would need these reminders the most? Who would need these reminders the least?
6. According to the text, what comes first: God saving us or us doing good? Why is that order important?

GOING DEEPER (Sharing/Application)

7. Is there a good God wants you to do right now that you need reminding of? (It might be one of the ones listed in v1-2 or not.)
8. How can we to help remind other Christians to do the good they know they need to do?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." (Titus 3:4-5)