

Study Questions by Allan Jensen

Titus 3:1-8

- Can a person be saved by being good? Why or why not?

Observation, Interpretation and Application Questions

1. A Needed Reminder (Titus 3:1-2)

- Who is Paul telling Titus to remind? (Who is the "them"?)
- What did Paul remind Titus to do with regards to them in verses 3:1-2?
 - Are we obliged to be obedient to rulers who are not leading in a Godly way? Why or why not?
 - What does 'to be uncontentious' mean or refer to (3:2)?
 - Which is most difficult for you to carry out and why (3:1-2)?

2. God's Work in the Believers' Lives (Titus 3:3-7)

- Who does the 'we' describe (3:3)? Why do you think so?
- How did Paul describe "our lives" in the past (3:3)?
 - Does this mean that all believers are free from malice, envy, enslavement to lusts, etc.?
 - What might we say to a believer who believes they cannot escape the impact of their ongoing sinful nature? (Maybe they feel like a victim to addiction).
- What historical event was able to generate such a change in their lives (3:4)?
- How does Paul describe the means by which a person is saved (3:5)?
 - We often hear the phrase 'Jesus saved me.' How would Titus 3:4-5 encourage us to more accurately phrase that?
 - Would you say that you have been saved? When? Describe that work.

- How does the 'washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit' describe the spiritual changes that happen to a new believer (3:5-6)?
 - What outward changes in your life testify to the hidden work of the Holy Spirit?
- What does 'justified by grace' mean (3:7)?
 - Share about someone who believes one is 'saved by works' rather than 'saved by grace'? Why is this point important clarifying?
- What is the result of being justified (3:7)?
 - Why might Paul use these words 'eternal life' to describe the believers' inheritance (3:7)?

3. The Reliability of the Gospel (Titus 3:8)

- What does Paul tell Titus to do in 3:8?
 - Why do you think Paul needs to state, "This is a trustworthy statement" (3:8)?
- Why does Paul state these things to Titus? What is his goal?