

Go Forth in Unity The Power of Oneness

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Titus 3: 1-9 NASB

Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, ²to slander no one, not to be contentious, *to be gentle*, showing every consideration for all people. ³For we too were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, ⁵He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness, but in accordance with His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He richly poured out upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. ⁸This statement is trustworthy; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and beneficial for people. ⁹But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and worthless.

1. Engage in Good Deeds

Titus 3:1 Be obedient, be ready for every good deed.

Philippians 2:13 God is giving you the desire and power to do His will.

Hebrews 10:24 Let us consider one another- to stir up love and good works.

2. Avoid Foolish Controversy

Titus 3:9 Avoid foolish controversy-they are useless and worthless.

Philippians 4: 2-4 Be of the same mind. Rejoice in the Lord!

3. Live Kingdom Focused

Titus 3:7 We are made heirs to the hope of eternal life.

Romans 14: 17-18 The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy.

2 Corinthians 13:11 Strive for full restoration, be of one mind, live in peace.

Conclusion: The power of Oneness is released and multiplied when we understand who our Power Source is and His purpose. The Light of Jesus is fused to our hearts, thus His energy flows through us like a circuit we are all connected to. We transfer the Light of Christ to others grafted into the circuit. For it is God working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Living as One.

LIFE GROUP LESSON The Power of Oneness

Week of October 17th – October 23, 2021

Ice Breaker: How is the Body of Christ like a light circuit? How might it compare to a string of Christmas lights?

Read Titus 3: 1-9.

1. Crete was a place where people were self-indulgent. What was Paul instilling in Titus to teach this new believing group? (v.1)
2. Who were they to show consideration for? (v.2)
3. What did Paul remind Titus of as he taught this people? (v.3) Why is this important for each of us to remember?
4. How are our hearts positioned differently to help and serve others when we remember what we were once enslaved to?
5. What did God reveal about Himself to mankind? (v.4)
6. What did He do for mankind? How? (vs. 5-7)
7. How are we changed to no longer chase after selfish passions? (v.5)
8. What do we learn about God's character? Describe what He revealed.
9. If we are made in His image, what then should our character emulate?
10. What does Paul direct Titus to speak about and focus on? (v.8)
11. What will this lead to for those who believe? (v.8)
12. How do others come to know of the love of Christ?
13. How does the Church expand to the ends of the earth so all might hear and believe in the name of Jesus Christ as their Savior?
14. What does Paul specifically instruct Titus to avoid? Why?
15. What message does Paul have for Euodia and Syntyche? What purpose does he remind them of? What affirmation does he speak into them both? Philippians 4: 2-4. How is this a model for us today?
16. What happens in the church today when we get caught up in trivial controversies and disputes about the Law? What happens to His kingdom?
17. Read Titus 3:7, Romans 14: 17-18 and 2 Corinthians 13:11. How do we live kingdom focused? What pleases God?
18. What is the power of Oneness? How would you describe it?

Point to ponder: May we each choose to live kingdom focused daily. This life is not our own; we are fused to the source of all life, Jesus Christ. We live for Him as He lives through each of us. This is the Power of Oneness. Christ in us.