

*What Does
God Think
Of Me?*

Titus 3:1-8

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1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Titus 3:1-8 - continued

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Introduction

- A. Do you ever wonder what others think about you?**
- B. What do you think Satan thinks about you?**
- C. What do you think society thinks?**
- D. What do you think about yourself?**
- E. The most important thing is to understand what God thinks about you.**

I. God Thinks You Are Precious

A. The extent of his love (v 3)

1. In contrast of what we were

2. In context of what He did for us

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

I. God Thinks You Are Precious

B. The evidence of his love (vv 4, 6b)

1 John 4:9-10

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

I. God Thinks You Are Precious

C. The energy of his love (vv 5-6a)

1. Its greatness

Ephesians 2:4

**But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love
wherewith he loved us,**

2. Its graciousness

Luke 15:22

**But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best
robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and
shoes on his feet:**

II. God Thinks You Are Perfect (v 7a)

A. A definition needed

1. To render righteous or such as you ought to be

Matthew 5:48

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

2. An action of God's grace through Jesus

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

II. God Thinks You Are Perfect (v 7a)

B. A description

1. More than forgiveness where sin is still remembered

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

2. Total acquittal

Romans 8:33

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

II. God Thinks You Are Perfect (v 7a)

C. A defense

1. If we sin, our position In Christ is unchanged

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

II. God Thinks You Are Perfect (v 7a)

C. A defense

2. However, it is not a defense to the consequences of sin

Galatians 5:13

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

III. God Thinks You Are Privileged (v 7b)

A. Privileged because of our earthly hope

Romans 8:15-17

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

III. God Thinks You Are Privileged (v 7b)

B. Privileged because of our eternal hope

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

IV. God Thinks You Are Profitable

A. He can use your walk (v 1)

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1 Peter 2:15

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

IV. God Thinks You Are Profitable

B. He can use your witness (v 2)

Galatians 6:10

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Matthew 5:44-45

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

IV. God Thinks You Are Profitable

C. He can use your works (v 8)

1. Our commission

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2. Our commitment

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

IV. God Thinks You Are Profitable

C. He can use your works (v 8) - continued

3. Our consequence

Colossians 1:10

**That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing,
being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the
knowledge of God;**

**We Should Care How God Thinks
Of Us!!**