

The Matchless Magnanimous Magnificence of GOD OUR SAVIOR

Titus 3:4-7 - Feb. 28/Mar. 2 – Cindy Lindstedt

⁴But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵**He saved us**, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)

INTRO: What makes for human happiness? Matt. 22:37-40. The problems is...

Three words: **HE SAVED US!** (2 Tim. 1:9 – with a holy calling) “sozos” – lit. to R _____!

- Past: from the P _____ of sin - J _____
- Future: from the P _____ of sin - G _____
- Present: from the P _____ of sin - P _____ S _____
=>In Small Groups read Eph. 1:3-14 aloud for spiritual “dazzlement”!

+The kindness of God our Savior (v. 4):

+His love for mankind (v. 4b)

+HE SAVED US not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His M _____ (v. 5) The outward manifestation of pity; it assumes need on the part of him who receives it, and resources adequate to meet the need on the part of him who shows it.

- (1) By the washing of R _____ (5b) Literally N _____ B _____ through a) the living and enduring Word of God (1 Peter 1:23) and b) the Holy Spirit. (Look up Matt. 19:28 per Q. 6)
- (2) R _____ by the Holy Spirit (5b). “A complete change for the better.” **Renewing** of your mind’ (Rom. 12:2) - the adjustment of the moral and spiritual vision and thinking to the mind of God, which is designed to have a **transforming effect** upon the life and stresses the willing response on the part of the believer. HERE it signifies a **revival of His power developing the Christian life, stressing the continual operation of the indwelling Spirit of God.**”

- Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the very breath or M _____ of G _____ illuminating our S _____ (2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Cor. 2:12):

For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the K _____ of the G _____ of G _____ in the face of C _____.

- His work/purpose: Testifies we are “children of G _____ (Rom. 8:16)

“All things work...” (Rom. 28-29) T _____!

“More than C _____!” (Rom. 8:37)

^{2 Cor. 3:18} But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the **glory** of the Lord, are being **transformed** (*metamorphai*) into the **same image**, from G _____ to G _____, just as from the Lord, the *Spirit*.

⇒ RESCUE story: “But God...”!

- The difference between faith and assurance:

“He that has faith does well. They are safe. They are washed. They are justified. They are beyond the power of hell. Satan, with all his malice, shall never pluck them out of Christ’s hand. But he that has *assurance* does far better, sees more, feels more, knows more, enjoys more, has more days like those spoken of in Deuteronomy 11:21: “the days of heaven upon the earth” (J.C. Ryle).

- 2 Doors

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“God allows what He H_____ to accomplish what He L_____.” – Joni Eareckson Tada

1 Cor. 10: 13 “temptation” (*perasmos*) = a trial, proving - specifically **the trial of man’s fidelity, integrity, virtue, constancy**. Same word used in Lord’s Prayer and in James 1:2 “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials.” Divinely permitted or sent (Refiner’s fire).

+Whom He poured out upon us *richly* (v. 6a) = abundantly, copiously

+Through Jesus Christ OUR SAVIOR (v. 6b) – “This man, whom you N_____ to a C_____, *but God*” ... (Acts. 2:23-24)

+SO THAT being J_____ by His grace (v. 7a) => declared righteous by God

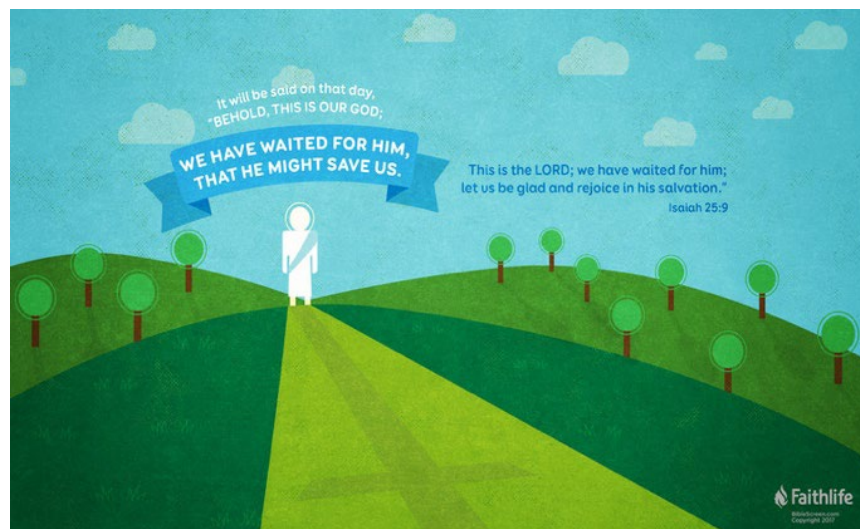
+We would be made H_____ according to the HOPE of ETERNAL LIFE (v. 7b)

2 Cor. 4:16 - Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our **inner man is being renewed day by day**.¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us **an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison**,¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

His bride has made herself R_____” (Rev. 19:7)

PRACTICAL POA for transformation: “Five Prayers That Will Change Your Life” - C_____ me; F_____ me; L_____ me; U_____ me; S_____ me! (D. James Kennedy - <https://youtu.be/oYHcDqCaX4E>).

“Holy Calling” (2 Tim.1:9): **“God is rescuing fallen humanity and progressively shaping them into His likeness – and He wants you to be a part of it.”** - Paul David Tripp, Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands



Recommended resources on abuses of the H.S.: Books “Charismatic Chaos” & “Strange Fire” by John MacArthur; 2013 Truth Matters “Strange Fire” Conference (19 videos) at <https://www.gty.org/library/strangefire> or on You Tube