

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: We Believe

Sermon : We Believe God Saves

Scripture: Titus 3:3-8

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Titus 3:3 reveal about our condition apart from God's saving grace?
2. What implications are there for the truth that God saved us "not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy"?
3. What do the words "regeneration," "renewal," and "justified" in verses 5–7 teach us about what God does for us in salvation?
4. What difference does it make to know that, through God's grace, you have become an heir with the hope of eternal life?
5. According to verse 8, how should being saved by God's grace change the way you live, and what is one good work God may be calling you to devote yourself to right now?

Guided Prayer:

Praise God for His grace toward you in Christ. Praise Him for the specific things listed in vs 4-7. Ask God to show you how you are still living as one who is described in vs 3. Repent of the things that come to your heart or mind. Ask God to forgive you. Ask God to show you what "good works" He may desire from you. Devote yourself to Him by doing good works, not so you can be saved but out of gratitude for your salvation. Thank Him once again for His grace and mercy given to you that makes you His child. In Jesus' name, Amen.
