

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, November 22, 2015

Sermon: How We Do as Citizens

Key Passage: Titus 3:1-7 (ESV)

Pastor - Mark Saunders



How are we as Christ followers to live as Americans?

A. When it comes to governing leaders, we must be ready to serve where we can.

1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, (Titus 3:1 ESV)

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. (1 Peter 2:13-17)

B. When it comes to neighbors, we must show Jesus in life with them.

2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. (Titus 3:2 ESV)

23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. (1 Peter 2:23)

What motivates us to live as Christians in America?

A. The memory of who we once were without Jesus.

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. (Titus 3:3 ESV)

B. The pursuit of who we are becoming in Christ now.

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. (Titus 3:4-7 ESV)

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1. Talk for a couple of minutes about the sermon this weekend. What stood out to you? What was something that you can apply to your daily life?

2. How did your attitude change when you 'found' Christ? What was different about the way that you reacted when something didn't go your way anymore?

3. Take some time to read Titus 3:3-7 out loud 2-3 times (try reading it in different translations each time). Make note of anything that stands out to you. Discuss what you marked as a group.

4. When you read verse 3, what are some specific things that you think about in our culture that would qualify for the list?

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5. Have you ever thought of God as being kind before? How would you describe God to someone who had never heard of him?

6. Verse 5 tells us that we are saved not because of works done by us... Why is it that we still do good works then? What compels us to be different than the rest of the world in our actions?

7. According to verse 7, we have the hope of eternal life, how do you live everyday with that hope in mind? What will you do make sure that others experience the justification of grace in their own life?

8. Take time this week to ask yourself everyday, how am I acting like one who has experienced life transforming grace and how will I share that with others?