

Dear Grace Church,

In preparation for worship, I encourage you to read the book of Titus through in a single sitting, then read Titus 3:1-8 carefully and thoughtfully. Use the outline and pray through each verse. Read and think about the “Dinner Table Questions.” If you have children, discuss the questions around the dinner table or in family worship.

Seeking to celebrate God’s goodness in doing good together with you,

Murray

Dinner Table Questions

1. What is submission? Who are my rulers and authorities?
2. In what ways do I speak evil of others? In what ways am I foolish, disobedient, deceived, self-serving, malicious, envious, and hateful?
3. What is Paul’s answer for Christians who continue struggle with the sins from which we’ve been freed?
4. List and define the works of each member of the Trinity in salvation.
5. How is the church to celebrate God’s goodness for having been freed from the bondage of selfishness?

HOW TO BUILD THE PERFECT CHURCH SERIES, 16
THE COVENANT OF GRACE APPLIED
“Freed from the Bondage of Sovereign Individualism
and Celebrating God’s Goodness Together by Doing Good”
Titus 3:1-8

KeyWords for Kids: Submission, Good Works, Former Bondage, Celebrating God’s Goodness

¹Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, ²to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. ³For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. (NKJV)

I. Submission to Rulers and Preparedness for Every Good Work (1-2)

II. Under the Power of “Sovereign Self” and a Servant to Our Own Selfish Pleasure (3)

III. A Psalm of Praise to Our Great Triune God for His Saving Goodness: Or, In Our Sovereign Individualism, We Destroy; In God’s Sovereign Goodness, He Saves (3-7)

A. God the Father saves according to His goodness, love, and mercy (4, 5b)

B. God the Spirit saves by regeneration and renewal (5c-6)

C. God the Son saves through justification (7)

IV. The Goodness and Profitability of Our Good Works (8)

Grace Welcomes You

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Love Still Bids You Welcome

Oh, God of grace

How often have I grieved Thee

How seldom have I sung Thy praise

And little do I know

How much I need Thee

And time again I turn away.

For how my heart
Is hard and unbelieving
For all I've done and left undone
Your love is not reluctant
To receive me
My soul draws back but love says, "Come"

He will not cast you out
He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in
Will forever dwell with Him
Draw near, faint heart draw near
Oh, love still bids you welcome here.

Oh, Father when
I sin against my neighbor
I turn away your very Son
Who died to call us friends
When we were strangers
And says to every sinner "Come"

He will not cast you out
He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in
Will forever dwell with Him
Draw near, faint heart draw near
Oh, love still bids you welcome here.

Oh, Lord of light
You call us out of darkness
To turn aside from sin and live
As prodigals, we come
To you for pardon
Oh, Abba Father take us in.

He will not cast you out
He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in
Will forever dwell with Him
Draw near, faint heart draw near
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Psalm 89A

The lovingkindness of the Lord

Forever I will sing.

Your faithfulness to every age

My mouth in song shall bring.

I will proclaim, "Your steadfast love
Forever will endure.
Your faithfulness in heaven high
You will establish sure."

"I've made a covenant with him
Who is *My* chosen one;
To David, who *My* servant is,
What I have sworn be done."

"Your seed I will establish firm,
Forever to endure;
And I through every coming age
Will make your throne secure."

The praises of Your wonders, LORD,
The heavens shall express,
In council of the holy ones
Your faithfulness confess.

For who in heaven with the LORD
Could ever be compared?
Among the ranks of angels great,
Who has His likeness shared?

Lovingkindness

Let praises now awake the dawn,
We'll greet Your mercy with a song
Your people stand and sing for all,
Your lovingkindness

You've carried us in faithfulness,
Upon the paths of righteousness
Our gracious King You've crowned us with,
Your lovingkindness

How great is Your lovingkindness,

O God of goodness

Our joy forever to sing the glad refrain,

Of grace that saved us, Of sweet forgiveness,

O how great is Your lovingkindness

You lift us with a Father's hand,
You shelter us with Your commands
What heart could fully comprehend,
Your mercies endless

You lead us through the shadows deep,
Where doubts trace every step, it seems
But as the darkness breaks we'll see,
The morning promise

How great is Your lovingkindness,

O God of goodness

Our joy forever to sing the glad refrain,

Of grace that saved us, Of sweet forgiveness,

O how great is Your lovingkindness

A life laid down to rescue us,
With arms outstretched upon the cross
The greatest Gift there ever was
Of lovingkindness

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Songwriters: Matt Boswell / Matt Papa / Matthew James Redman

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O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Words: George Matheson

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Thou lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight
That I might love Thee more,
Oh that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines
But in Thy sacred Word
I read in fairer, brighter lines
My bleeding, dying Lord,
See my bleeding, dying Lord

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop
And sin and sorrow rise
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies,
My fainting heart's supplied

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o'er with pain
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain,
Oh and I again complain

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of night
And chase my fears away,
Won't You chase my fears away

Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above,
They are only known above

Beneath The Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

O safe and happy shelter,
O refuge tried and sweet,
O trysting place where Heaven's love
And Heaven's justice meet!

As to the holy patriarch
That wondrous dream was given,
So seems my Savior's cross to me,
A ladder up to heaven.

There lies beneath its shadow
But on the further side
The darkness of an awful grave
That gapes both deep and wide
And there between us stands the cross
Two arms outstretched to save
A watchman set to guard the way
From that eternal grave.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess;
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.