The Pastoral Epistles (Letters)

- Lesson 13 -

	Your Personal Notes:
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,	
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.	
9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and	
contentions, and strivings about the law; for they	·
are unprofitable and vain.	
10 A man that is an heretick after the first and	
second admonition reject;	
11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and	
sinneth, being condemned of himself.	
12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or	
Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis:	
for I have determined there to winter.	
13 Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their	
journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.	
14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works	
for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.	
15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that	
love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.	

Spurgeon's Notes

- **3:2**—Kindness and gentleness are two of the ornaments of our faith. I would that some professed Christians would understand that unholy contentiousness is not after the mind of Christ. The Christian must be willing to suffer wrongfully and to bear it in patience. He is never to be one who renders evil for evil or railing for railing.
- **3:7**—The Spirit is poured out on us abundantly by Jesus Christ, and we are "justified by his grace." Both justification and sanctification come to us through our Lord Jesus Christ. We must never forget that regeneration is worked in us by the Holy Spirit but comes to us by Jesus Christ. We do not receive any blessing apart from our Lord Jesus. In all works of the Spirit, whether regeneration or renewal, the Lord Jesus is putting forth his power, for he says, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5)