

**Introduction:**

IV. Sound Doctrine and the Lost (3:1-11)

A. Reminders (3:1-8)

1. The actions (3:1-2)
  - a. Importance of continual reminders (3:1a)
  - b. How to relate to the state (3:1)
  - c. How to come across to the lost (3:2)
2. The reasons (3:3-8)
  - a. In what we were (v. 3)
  - b. In what God did for us (vv. 4-7)

But when the generosity and the love of our Savior God for mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup> He saved us – not by<sup>1</sup> works which we ourselves did in righteousness, but *instead* in accord with His own mercy, through<sup>2</sup> washing of regeneration and renewal *caused* by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> Whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> in order that, having been declared righteous by His<sup>3</sup> grace, we might become heirs in accord with the hope of life eternal.

i. Introduction to the section

(1) Its place in Titus

- (a) Difficulty: why twin Gospel cores (2:11-14, 3:4-7)?

(b) Answer:

- (i) Implicit problem in Titus 2

- (ii) Implicit problem in Titus 3:1-8

(c) Lessons:

Eph. 1:9-10; Col. 1:19-20; Romans 8:19-22

Phil. 2:5-11

Eph. 5:22-25

1 Pet. 2:19-24; 4:12-14

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<sup>1</sup> The preposition *ek* means “originating from.”

<sup>2</sup> Literally “not by works...His own mercy, He saved us, through...”

<sup>3</sup> Literally “that one’s.”

Acts 20:28

Eph. 6:1

James 4:4

(d) Applications

(2) *How* Paul brings in the Gospel

(a) Examples

(i) 1 Cor. 15:4-6

(ii) Romans 1:16—3:20 / 3:21—5:21 / 6:1ff.

(iii) Ephesians 2:1-3 / 2:4-9 / 2:10

(iv) Titus 3:1-3 / 3:4-7 / 3:8

(b) Aside: where'd Paul get this?

(i) Matt. 19:16-26

(ii) John 4:7-18

(iii) Reflection

(c) Lessons

(d) Applications:

(i) For me in myself

(ii) For me facing others: