

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
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Whoever enters in
Will forever dwell with Him
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Psalm 23 (The LORD's My Shepherd)

The LORD's my shepherd;

I will lack nothing.

He makes me lie down

In pastures green.

He leads by calm streams,

And He revives me;

He guides in right ways

For His name's sake.

Although I travel
Through death's dark valley,
No threat or danger
There will I fear,
Since You will always
Stay close beside me;
Your rod and staff give
Comfort to me.

You've set my table
Where foes are watching;
My head anointed,
My cup You've filled.
Such love and goodness
Through life pursue me;
I'll live forever
In the LORD's house.

Jesus, Fount of Joy Eternal

Jesus, fount of joy eternal,
Spring of endless love divine
Deepest well once poured out for us,
Filling empty hearts with life
Come rejoice, be glad forever,
Come rejoice again in Christ
Jesus, fount of joy eternal,
Precious savior, our delight

Long we drank from shallow waters,
Filled but never satisfied
Till when Calv'ry's flood broke open,
Mercy flowed in full supply
Oh what heights of truest pleasure,
Oh what depths of sacrifice
Jesus, fount of joy eternal,
By his blood we're washed as white

Just beyond these restless waters,
There's a land where peace will reign
Sin and sadness there are swallowed,
In a sea of sovereign grace
On those shores we'll sing forever,
Planted by the streams of life
Jesus, fount of joy eternal,
Heaven's treasure our delight

Come And Welcome

From the cross uplifted high,
Where the Savior deigns to die
What melodious sounds I hear
Bursting on my ravished ear
Love¹'s redeeming work is done,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan?
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board,
See with richest dainties stored
To thy Father's bosom pressed,
Yet again a child confessed
Never from His house to roam,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end,
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery,

In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises,

Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness,

Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended,

Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering,
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment,
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be when he comes

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How Sweet and Awesome

How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
And enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?”

'Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
Constrain the earth to come;
Send Thy victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing Thy redeeming grace.