

Titus - Crete is Hard Sledding

We are surrounded by a culture that tells us that two opposite things are true. First, they tell us that Christianity is not that different from other beliefs because all religions basically teach the same thing. Second, they tell us that faith in Christ is wrong because Christianity is so horrible. Which is it? How does a person live in faith with such contradictory messages?

Scripture(s): Titus 1:5-16 (and assorted verses)

Remember this - The answer to every person's desire for satisfaction in life is found in the _____ that Jesus gives.

I. The first word to Christians who feel overwhelmed by the lost world in which they live is re-embrace Godly _____. In a world that mocks Christian character, such character must reveal that a different _____ is at work. Titus 1:5-16

II. The second word to Christians who feel overwhelmed by the lost world in which they live is to intentionally _____ from each other. Paul called the churches of Crete to live together in such a way that we could _____ the lives that we are teaching each other to have.

Titus 2:1-8 ¹ But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. ² Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴ so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. ⁶ Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; ⁷ in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, ⁸ sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

III. The third word to Christians who feel overwhelmed by the lost world in which they live is never pretend away or forget your own broken _____. A unique reason for obedience, good deeds, and gentleness toward those without Christ is salvation _____!

Titus 3:1-7 ¹ Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, ² to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men. ³ For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Implications

1. Why we do what we do cannot be to be rich, be powerful, or to gain as much _____ as we can out of life. Our happiness _____ Jesus so we can do all for Him and Him alone.
2. We must invite and not merely _____ other Christians to walk like us.
3. It is significant to see our life before others as a perpetually humble response to Jesus' _____ for us.

What should I do?

1. Consider if your happiness is actually found in Jesus or some other _____.
2. Discover the difference between lecturing and _____ other people to walk with Jesus.

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