



# fairwaybaptistchurch

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Titus Chapter 2 – Part 2  
Verses 1, 5, 8, 10

What we do is worthless when it comes to making us **right** with God. Belief in the truth of the gospel as communicated by Jesus through the Word is the **only** way God has provided to be right before Him.

The idea that 'as long as you **profess** to believe in Christ, then all is well' is far from the truth.

'**teach**' – *laleo* – present tense, ongoing – keep on **talking** about the things which match up with sound doctrine

'**what is in accord with**' – *prepo* – proper or **befitting**: talk about the things they need to do that **fit** with the doctrine they believe

The Bible teaches often that godly behavior **comes from** and bears witness to the truth of the gospel. It never suggests that Christians should base their behavior on the **culture** that surrounds them.

Embracing the gospel of Jesus Christ **refocuses** every detail of life so that the Christian begins a Christ or gospel-focused life. **Every** aspect of our lives is to magnify and reflect the gospel.

## Why?

Titus 2:5, 8, 10

There are other reasons for living a faithful Christian life, but here special emphasis falls on the **witness** such behavior gives to the world.

Christianity is life, not simply a **decision** made unrelated to the day to day happenings of life.

Our world judges whether the Bible is really true and powerful and life-changing by whether it changes **our lives**.

Romans 2:24; Isaiah 52:5

What God is giving us in Titus 2 in His blueprint for His church is the **evangelistic** strategy. We reach the world by holiness, not by technique.

What makes God's church powerful in the world is not its strategic plans; it is its virtue, its holiness. What we **believe** is directly linked to how we live and how we live is directly linked to **evangelism**.

Matthew 5:14-16

The greatest and most powerful element of evangelism in God's church is the power of a **transformed** life.

Are you living so as to make the doctrine of Christ and salvation by faith in Him **attractive**?

If the saving grace of Christ is going to reach all men, it is going to depend on the **character** of the church.

You carry with you the reputation of **Jesus Christ**. They will think of Him, to some degree, as they think of you. That should be motivation enough for us to live what we believe – to live a distinctly Christian **life** every day!