



In order for us to be **devoted** to doing what is good, in order for us to be diligent in showing ourselves **worthy** of being heard in relationship to the world around us, we must **remember** all that God's been saying in Titus 3:3-7.

Verse 3 (Romans 3:10-12)

Salvation is a radical **intervention** that required the infinite, holy God to send His own Son to be the substitute for sinners.

*Salvation is **needed** because we were dead in sin and total depravity.*

Verses 4-5

Salvation is not **because** of anything we do or don't do but comes from God's kindness, love, and mercy that were made manifest in the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

*Salvation is because of the great **love** of God.*

Verses 5-7

To save us, God raises us from spiritual death to **life**; our sins are imputed to Jesus in death, His life to us in righteousness.

*Salvation is **through** regeneration by the Holy Spirit and justification by God's **grace**.*

Verse 5 (Col. 3:9-10; Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 2:12-13)

While God creates the new nature by the power of the Spirit, we must **walk** in the Spirit and be transformed through God's Word in order to experience this ongoing renewal.

*Salvation **continues** through sanctification.*

Verse 7

Hope is a certainty for the saved. It represents the truth that we do not experience all that is ours in this life; the **best** is yet to come.

*Salvation **results** in glorification forever in the presence of God.*

Verse 8

Sound doctrine is not for useless speculation or just preacher education but for practical **application**. If you understand the doctrines of salvation by God's sovereign grace, it will **motivate** you to spend your life doing what is good. By implication, if it does not, you do not understand it which may mean you have not **experienced** it.

The **Christian** life is composed of conduct toward God, toward one's neighbor, and toward one's self. It is many behaviors at once, all at the same time. It is in the combination of behaviors that we find the distinctive **goodness** of the Christian life.

The supreme motive required of everything that is good is the **love** of God. Good works then are not good unless they are done in the love of God and in **imitation** of Christ.

Philippians 3:14-16

As God teaches us in sanctification, we don't stop doing or being good in one way in order to focus on another – we **build** on and **add** to, not remove and replace.

If we do not feel that without Christ we can do **nothing** and if we are not always looking to Him for the grace and help to enable us to live a truly godly life, it is almost certainly because we have a view of the Christian life that is altogether too **simple**, too easy.

Our lifestyles – when they are good as defined and directed by God's Word – are often the platform that opens the door so we can **reach our world**.

That's the blueprint for our relationship with the world around us and that's why we must **know** - why we must never lose sight of - the wonder of the cross and the power of the sovereign **grace** of God!