

### Titus 3

Memory Verse: Titus 3:4,5 But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy...

*Begin your Bible study with prayer, confessing any sins you know of, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your study.*

#### Read Titus 3

1. What are the responsibilities of Christians toward rulers and authorities?
2. According to Romans 13:1-7; and 1 Peter 2:13-15, we are commanded to submit to non-Christian authorities. Why? Are there limits to this submission?
3. According to verses 4-5, how did God show His kindness and love to us?
4. Why did God pour his spirit out upon us abundantly? Vs 6-7. See also Gal 4:6-7 and Rom 8:15-17.
5. In many of his letters as here in 3:7, Paul often writes about being “justified by his(God’s) grace.” What does this mean? See also Rom 3:23-29 and 2 Cor 5:19-21.

6. In verse 9, Paul addresses religious discussions which are “unprofitable and useless”. How can you recognize such discussions? How might you avoid them? (for further insight, see Rom 14:1 – 15:3)

7. In 3:10, Paul instructs Titus to “reject a factious man”? Who is this factious or divisive man? Is he a believer or an unbeliever? Why does Paul command Titus to take such seemingly severe action? (see also 2 Timothy 2:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; James 5:19-20)?

Application: According to verses 1 and 2, we are to submit to our authorities. What are some ways you could apply these verses in your own life? List what steps you will take to begin putting these verses into action.

*End your study by thanking the Lord for what you have learned this week, ask Him to help you apply the truths you have learned.*

For further study: Joni Eareckson Tada said, “often out of humiliation comes humility if you allow it to do its work.” In Titus 3:2, Paul instructs us to show consideration which also translates as meekness or humility. Using the resources you have on hand (dictionary, bible dictionary, concordance and other Bible translations do a word study on humility, (humble, meek, or gentle). Search the scriptures, looking up other verses that speak about humility and write down what you learn. (Hint: Look up Philippians 2:8 and James 4:10 to get you started) After your study, take time to think about how God can use you when you are humble and write down your thoughts.