

Series: *Titus: The Gospel for Godly Living*
Lesson: *Give Them Graciousness*
Text: Titus 3:1–8 (L6)
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INTRODUCTION

In Titus 3:1-8, Paul continues the theme that believers should behave in such a way that fits their profession and adorns their Savior. Titus 2:2-10 speaks to the general transformation of life that believers should be cooperating with, but does so with an emphasis on their interaction with other believers within the church. Now, Paul moves outside the church to demonstrate how believers should be known in their communities.

In keeping with our wardrobe illustration, sometimes we can wear the right garments, although they are made with the wrong material. For example, burlap looks great as a bag or some kind of home décor, but it is an odd material for a wedding dress. If a seamstress were to design her most beautiful wedding dress, yet make it using burlap or denim, we would immediately recognize a disconnect between the type of garment and the type of material.

Similarly, believers may wear the right kind of clothes—the godly, gospel-made garments of Titus 2:2-10—but do so with the wrong motives, attitude, emphases, etc. When that happens, their garments are shown to be made from the wrong material. Just as burlap or denim isn’t appropriate for a wedding dress, so beligerence and brashness isn’t appropriate for a believer. Therefore, the fabric (or *flavor*, to change the metaphor) of our life is as important as its character. We must not only be distinctly godly; we must also be distinctly godly in the right way. A grace-filled demeanor best “fits” a believer’s profession and practice, and a gracious flavor of life best adorns the Savior.

THE _____ OF GRACIOUSNESS (vv. 1-2)

Q – *How should we live out our godliness before the wicked?*

A – *We should live _____.*

Application:

THE _____ OF GRACIOUSNESS (vv. 3-7)

Q – *How will such graciousness penetrate their wickedness?*

A – *We are living _____ of the effectiveness of grace.*

1. *We used to be the “_____” (v. 3).*

2. *God’s _____ work changed us (vv. 4-7).*

(1) *The _____ of salvation (v. 4) –*

(2) *The _____ of salvation (v. 5) –*

(2) *The _____ of salvation (vv. 5-6) –*

(4) *The _____ of salvation (v. 7) –*

(5) *The _____ of salvation (v. 7) –*

Application:

CONCLUSION

To summarize everything we’ve been learning in Titus 2:1-3:7—God-honoring, Christ-adorning, and disciple-making salvation-living is wearing the godly garments that are ours in Christ (i.e., “gospel made”) in a spirit of graciousness. So, Paul wraps up that entire discussion by stating in verse 8, “This saying [vv. 4-7] is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on such truths, so that those who have placed their faith in God may be intent on engaging in good works. These things are good and beneficial for all people” (NET). We were saved as a result of the most gracious of works—the life and death of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. The manifestation of such grace in the gracious lives of Jesus’ followers has the same “good and beneficial” potential. May we be committed to godliness, but be graced to do so in a spirit of graciousness.