



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Impress”**

### **Complement to sermon on September 25, 2016 – “Confident Expectation”**

#### **MEMORIZE – Titus 3:4-5**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

#### **READ Titus 3: 1-15**

#### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Why do you think Paul stresses a devotion we are to have toward “doing good” (vv. 1,8,14)? What is there about human nature that makes such reminders necessary? (vs. 3)
4. When can “doing good” become a problem?
5. What do verses 4-7 say about God’s character? About His work in us?
  - a. What do these verses say about the work of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in our redemption and renewal?
    1. About God?
    2. About Jesus?
    3. About the Holy Spirit?
  - b. The word “renew” appears in several other New Testament scriptures. Look at the following scriptures and write down what they teach us about “renewal” and being “renewed” (Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 4:16, Colossians 3:10)

**Bottom Line - Give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture:**

## Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of Titus 3 and Paul's challenge to us to live "renewed" lives.

### SHOW YOUR FAITH

We are challenged by Paul's words to Titus (vs. 4) "to devote ourselves to good works." And verse 14, "to learn to devote ourselves to good works." What can you and your family do this week to show your devotion to doing good works?

Here are a few ideas to get your started. (Remember it doesn't have to be something big to make a huge difference. Little kindnesses mean a lot.)

- Smile at three people
- Let someone go ahead of you in the checkout line at the grocery store
- Ask the clerk what her favorite candy bar is and buy it for her
- Eat lunch with someone who may not have many friends
- Hold the door open for someone
- Leave a kind note in a library book for the next person who will read it.
- Make and mail a card to someone who needs encouragement
- Share a toy
- Help without being asked
- Leave a treat (or a nice note) in the mailbox for your mail carrier.
- Add your own ideas

**SING** (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

**Your Grace is Enough** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wN-fspKg1Q>

God's mercies and grace are new to us every day. Enter into this song of praise to God with thankful hearts for what God has done for you in Christ and how His grace is enough for us to live this day for Him.

**Lord, I Want to be a Christian** – Mennonite Hymnal #293

Use this as a prayer, asking the Lord to help you to be more like Jesus in your heart and in living for Him this week.

**PRAY** This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

**Sending prayer based on the lesson:** Thank you for loving me, Lord – not because of my goodness but because of Your mercy and grace. Fill me and renew me by your Holy Spirit's regenerating power so that I can do be confident to live for you today and to do the good works that you have prepared in advance for me to do. Amen.