

Materials I Need:

Legend:



= Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade



= Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Memory Work:

“This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.” Titus 3:8 (NIV)

Hook:



Christian Is as Christian Does (Object Lesson).   You will need:



blender or food processor
few slices of bread

Tell the students that you will give them a demonstration of toasting bread. Plug in the blender and tell them you are now plugging in the toaster. Put in the bread and press some buttons. When the bread comes out shredded instead of toasted, tell the students that something is wrong with your toaster and you need to try again. If you are using a food processor, try different attachments in an attempt to toast the bread. (Have some fun with this). By now the students should be telling you that the appliance you have is not a toaster. Ask them how they know. Explain to them that it's obvious that you don't have a toaster because a toaster would toast bread and a blender does something different. If an appliance is really a toaster, it should behave like a toaster.

The blender in this illustration is like some people who call themselves Christians. They say they are Christians but behave like something else. Ask the students the following questions:

1. Does it bother you when someone says he is a Christian but does lots of bad things?
 2. What do your unsaved friends think when this happens?
 3. Do they wonder if the person is really a Christian, or do they become confused about what a Christian is?
 4. You (students) weren't fooled by my "toaster" because you know what a toaster should look like. But what about people who don't know how a Christian is supposed to look?
 5. Why is it important for us to do good things in front of unbelievers who know we are Christians?
- Discuss with the students that by our lives we show others who Christ is and what He can do. If you are a Christian, don't call yourself a toaster and act like a blender. This is the point Paul has made all through the book of Titus. The Christians on Crete needed to be sure that they showed the results of God's grace in their lives so unbelievers would see the Christian life clearly and be attracted to follow Christ, too.



Stop and Go (Activity).   Play a game of Stop and Go with the students. See directions below. Transition into the lesson by explaining that Paul wanted Titus to remind the Christians on Crete that they needed to obey their rulers and authorities. It was the right thing to do and would show that they were different than the non-Christians and loved God (Titus 3:1). If we obey the authorities God puts over us we are showing that we love Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15.

Directions: Help children learn the meaning of obeying their rulers by playing this game in a large, open area. Choose a leader (the teacher, at first). When the leader calls out **Go!**, the students can move any way they want (run, hop, skip, tiptoe, etc.). When the leader calls out **Stop!**, everyone freezes and must hold their positions until the leader calls out **Go!** again. Children can take turns being the leader.



Fill My Cup, Let It Overflow (Object Lesson). 🍷, 🦋 You will need:

- large tray that can hold water
- 30 Dixie cups
- large pitcher filled with water

Create a “champagne tower” using the Dixie cups. Place about 8-10 cups in a circle, and place a bit of water in each to keep the cups from moving. Then create another layer of Dixie cups, again filling them each with a little water to keep them stable. Do this until you’ve reached the top of the tower with one cup. Carefully fill the top cup and watch the other cups below it fill up and then overflow into other cups below. Do this until all the cups are filled up to overflowing.

Debrief: Explain to the class that in today’s lesson Paul wants us to understand the importance of being filled with God’s grace and letting it overflow into the lives of others all around us. Ask the class questions as to how we might “spill” God’s grace into the lives of others.



Book:

Presentation Ideas –



Buckets of Grace (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🍷, 🦋 TIS03.GF1.



Washing of Rebirth (Object Lesson). 🍷, 🦋 You will need:

- one package of black cherry (or any dark-colored) Kool-Aid
- 2 small white pieces of cloth
- clear container
- clear pitcher
- water
- ½ cup bleach or oxy-clean

Preparation:

- Mix one package of Kool-Aid powder with 3 cups water.
- Dip the white cloth in it and allow to dry (this will work even if the cloth is not dry).
- Place the cloth in the clear container. (You might want to prepare two pieces of cloth so you can repeat the demonstration).
- Mix ½cup bleach with 2 cups water. Have it ready in the pitcher.

Demonstration:

1. Show stained cloth to students.
2. Have the students open their Bibles to Titus chapter 3 and read Titus 3:3, “At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.” *This stained cloth represents a sinful life.*
3. Ask students what they would do to get this cloth clean. *They’d wash it!* That’s what God does with sinful lives.
4. Read Titus 3:4-7. As you read ask students to identify key words, and as they do write them on the board. “But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.” (Allow as much discussion as students generate).
5. Pour the bleach and water mixture generously over the cloth. The cloth will become white while the water remains clear.
6. Ask the students: What did the cloth do for itself? (*Nothing*). What is grace?

Bible Adventure for 1st – 6th Grades –

Have you ever received an incredible gift? One that you had been wanting for a long, long time but thought it was too expensive or extravagant to ever really get? How did you react when you finally opened it? Did you yawn and set it down? No way! You probably squealed, jumped up and down and told anybody who would listen what a great present you had just received. How did you feel toward the person who gave you the gift? Most likely you gave him or her a great big hug and had this overwhelming desire to please the one who had brought you such joy. This is how it is for Christians.

We have received the most magnificent gift of all—the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ! But what does God want us to do with this gift? It just so happens that we will find the answer to this question in the third chapter of the book of Titus.

Earlier in the book, Paul had been instructing Titus on how to organize the new believers on Crete into local churches. He stressed that the people in these churches needed to show their unbelieving neighbors the grace of God by their good conduct. God did not want them to keep silent about His gift of salvation. He desired that they share it with others, not only by what they said, but also by the way they acted. Paul went on to describe the way specific groups of people within the churches should conduct themselves. He addressed church leaders, older and younger men, older and younger women, and slaves. In this final chapter of Titus, Paul continued to discuss how believers could display the life-changing grace of God's Gospel to a watching world.

He began by calling on all Christians to submit to those in authority. For the believers on the island of Crete as well as believers today, rebellion towards those God has placed in charge over our lives is a sure sign that we are not pleasing the Lord. God wants us to submit to all who are over us ranging from government leaders to policemen, teachers, and of course, parents. In fact, God wants His children to show an attitude of submission to all people by being gentle and respectful. The reason why we ought to live this way is because of what God's grace has done for us. But just what is God's grace? It is God sending His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sins when we did absolutely nothing to deserve it. It is Jesus breaking us free from a life enslaved to sin so we can spend eternity with Him in heaven. It has nothing to do with us being good enough, but it has everything to do with God's mercy and love. Now think about it. If the Lord has poured out His grace on us and forgiven us of all our sins against Him, shouldn't we turn around and treat others the same way? When dealing with lost sinners, shouldn't we show them the same grace and mercy that God has showered on us? Living this way will be a powerful testimony to those who do not know Christ and will draw them to the wonderful news of salvation.

Paul concluded by reminding Titus once again of the danger of false teachers. They spread foolishness and caused people to argue and not get along. Titus was instructed to give them two warnings. If they did not stop their destructive behavior he was to remove them from the church. This was necessary because false teaching is extremely harmful and can completely ruin a church.

As we ponder God's grace in our lives, we should be in awe and wonder over the marvelous truth that God mercifully saves sinners like us! It ought to cause us to desire to live a life pleasing to the One who has given us such a wonderful gift. We will want to honor Him in everything we say and do. When this happens, we will turn around and show grace to unbelievers who have yet to know of God and His love and mercy. Even when someone treats us harshly or wrongs us, because of God's grace in our lives, we can respond correctly and treat him or her in the same way that God has treated us when we were undeserving sinners. Think of it this way. God's grace is like a never-ending stream and our lives are like buckets. As His grace continues to flow into us and fill us up, we will overflow and spill grace into the lives of others.

As you think about how you live in front of non-Christians, can you say that God's grace is filling you up and spilling over? Are you gentle and gracious towards those around you? Remember what the book of Titus is all about—your conduct can be a powerful witness to draw lost sinners to our merciful Savior.

Aim Questions

- 1. What is the theme of Titus?** (*Christian Conduct as a Witness.*)
- 2. What should be the Christian's response to those in authority?** (*We are to submit.*)
- 3. Why are we to treat unbelievers with kindness?** (*Because we were treated with kindness by God who saved us.*)
- 4. What was Titus to do to those who were divisive and taught false things?** (*He was to reject them after their second warning.*)
- 5. In what ways can you demonstrate "grace" to those who do not know the Lord?**



Look:



Testimony of Grace (Worksheet). Divide the students into small groups and have them read the passage provided and use the bold sections to answer questions about God's grace to believers on the island of Crete. The students may be able to get the correct answer without understanding. Discuss what these "meaty" words and phrases mean, **TIS03.GF2 Pg. 1.** *Answer Key: TIS03.GF2 Pg. 2.*



What Is Grace? (Bible Drill). Have the students hold their closed Bibles in the air as each reference is read. After the 'go' signal, have them race to find these verses on grace. In addition to reading the verse, have the students tell you what the verse says about grace, **TIS03.GF3 Pgs. 1 & 2.**



What a Difference Grace Makes (Worksheet/Crossword). Have the students complete this worksheet to find out how Paul describes what the Cretan believers were like before they knew Christ and what they should be like afterward, **TIS03.GF4.** *Answers: good, obedient, slander, peaceable, authorities, considerate, humility.*



Generously Poured Out (Puzzle/Craft). Each student will need:

TIS03.GF5 copied onto cardstock
one piece of 9x12 construction paper
scissors
coloring crayons
glue stick
glitter glue - iridescent, blue or silver
zip-top sandwich bag for storage

Have the students follow the directions below to complete their crafts:

1. Spread glue generously over the back of the puzzle picture and glue it to the construction paper.
2. Color the picture leaving the water around the word GRACE and pouring from the jar uncolored.
3. Glitter glue where the water is in the picture.
4. When glue is dry enough, cut between double lines.
5. Play with the puzzle as time allows and store in sandwich bag.



Aim Questions (Worksheet). Have the students answer the Aim Questions about today's Bible Adventure, **TIS03.GF6.**



Passage Review Questions (Worksheet). This booklet contains many questions from the Scripture passage covered in today's lesson. Students may work on them in class and complete them during the week at home, **TIS03.GF7 Pgs. 1 & 2.**



Titus 3:8 (Memory Verse Song). Words and music for today's memory verse are available upon request from Children's Ministry.



Took:



Grace that Shows (Mime). After dividing the class into small groups, have each small group present a mime to the rest of the class illustrating a Christian who "devotes himself to doing what is good" in a situation where others are doing something wrong. Look at verses 1 and 2 for ideas. Let the rest of the class guess what's going on and who the "Christian" is.



Walking and Talking Finger Puppets (Craft). 🦋, 🦋 Prior to class prepare a Wordless Book and puppets. Before beginning the craft two teachers should demonstrate the Good News booklet on **TIS03.GF8 Pgs. 1 & 2** using the puppets on their fingers and the wordless Book.

Each student will need:

TIS03.GF8 Pgs. 1 & 2 Good News dialogue booklet duplex copied
TIS03.GF9 Pg. 1 Boy and Girl finger puppets copied onto cardstock
1 section from **TIS03.GF9 Pg. 2** copied onto five colors of paper: Gold, black, red, white, and green pre-cut and folded.
glue
scissors
coloring crayons or markers

Have the students follow the directions below to complete their crafts:

1. Decorate and cut out the finger puppets, **TIS03.GF9 Pg. 1**.
2. To make the Wordless book: Glue each color back to back in the following order. Start with green as the cover. Then glue the left back side of the black paper to the inside left side of the green cover. Proceed with red. Glue the left back side of the red paper to the right back side of the black paper, etc. Complete the colors in order and finish by gluing the last color (gold) to the right flap of the green cover. Black, Red, White, Gold and Green.

Debrief:

Explain to the students that God expects all of His children to talk and walk like those who love Him. He wants His children to share His love with those who don't know Him. He not only wants us to do good deeds but He also wants us to share the good news (Gospel) with our unsaved friends and family. Have one finger puppet share with the other using a different voice with each puppet. Ask for two volunteer students to also demonstrate how to share the GOOD NEWS. Challenge the students to share with their brother or sister or friends.



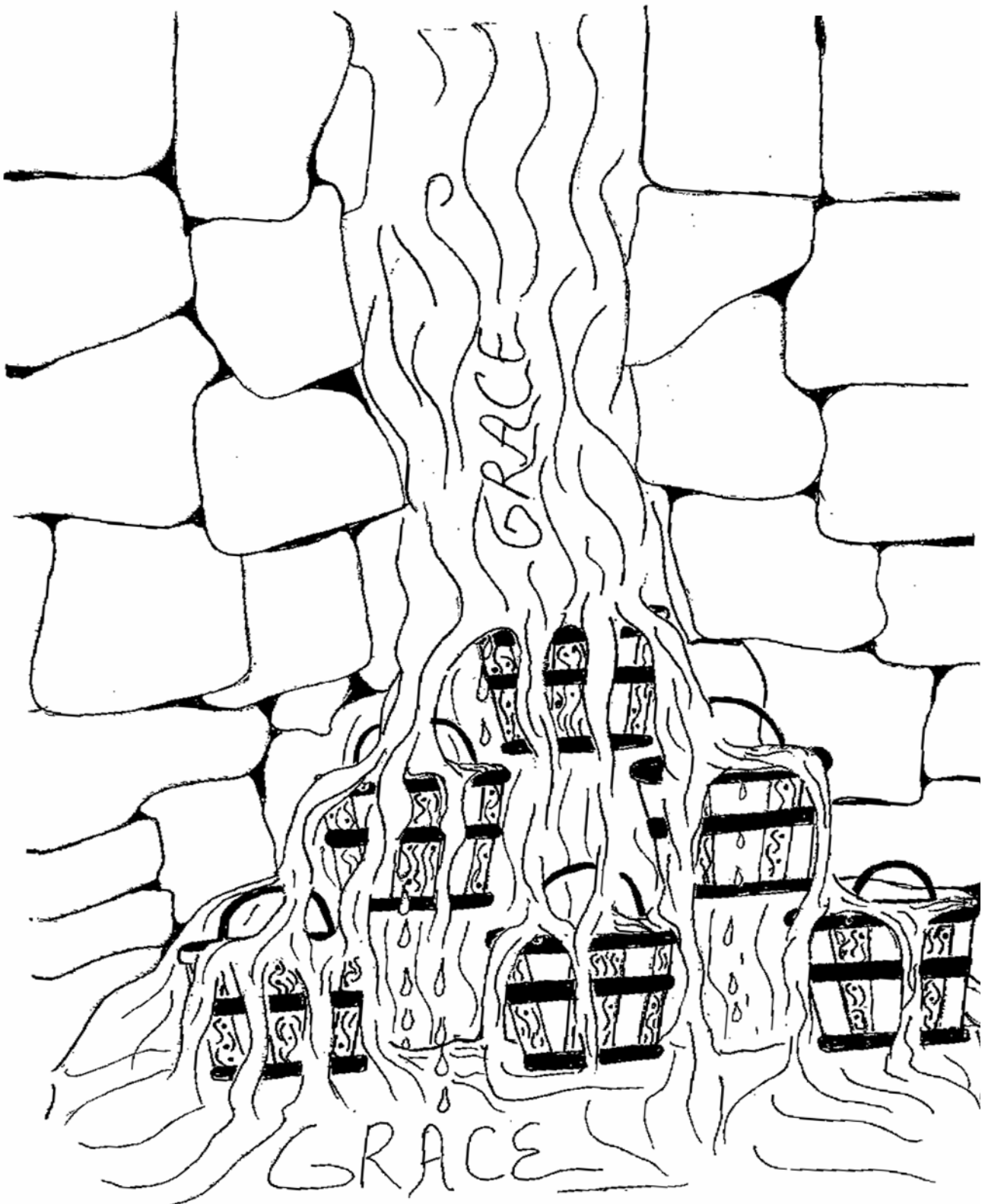
Gift of Grace (Craft). 🦋, 🦋 Each student will need:

1 gift box
wrapping paper
Children's Gospel Tract
candy
tissue paper or streamers

Order a gift box on your curriculum order form for each student in the class. Bring in wrapping paper (non-holiday and generic) and have each student cut out a square large enough to wrap up the gift box. Order a Children's Gospel Tract for each student. Before placing these inside their gift box, go through it and explain the Gospel once again to the children. Bring in a bag of candy and have the kids grab a handful and place that inside the gift box as well. You may even want to make it "frilly" by adding tissue paper or streamers inside.

Debrief: Each student is to take this "Gift of Grace" and give it to someone who doesn't know the Lord. Mention to the students that this person can be a sibling, a parent, a relative, a schoolmate, or a friend. Talk to them about the greatest gift in the entire world—Jesus Christ and the eternal life He gives.

Buckets of Grace



Testimony of



GRACE

Read the passage provided.
Use the bold words and phrases to
answer questions about God's grace
to believers on the island of Crete.

Titus 3:3-8

"At one time we too were **foolish, disobedient, deceived** and **enslaved** by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived **in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another**. But when the **kindness and love of God** our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of **righteous things we had done**, but because of his **mercy**. He saved us through **the washing of rebirth** and renewal by **the Holy Spirit**, whom he poured out on us **generously** through **Jesus Christ** our Savior, so that, having been justified by **his grace**, we might become heirs having the hope of **eternal life**. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to **doing what is good**. These things are excellent and profitable for **everyone**."

What kind of people were they before they knew Christ?

How did they live? _____ ,

Who saved them?

Why did he save them?

What was **not** the reason God saved them?

What cleaned their sinful hearts?

How was it poured out?

Through whom was it poured?

Who renewed them?

By what were they justified?

To what should the Cretan believers devote themselves? _____

Who would profit from this?

What was now their hope?

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What was **not** the reason God saved them?

righteous things we had done

What cleaned their sinful hearts?

the washing of rebirth

How was it poured out?

generously

Through whom was it poured?

Jesus Christ

Who renewed them?

the Holy Spirit

By what were they justified? **his grace**

To what should the Cretan believers devote themselves? **doing what is good**

Who would profit from this?

everyone

What was now their hope? **eternal life**

What Is Grace Bible Drill

Have the students hold their closed Bibles in the air as each reference below is read. After the 'go' signal, have them race to find these verses on grace. In addition to reading the verse, have students tell you what the verse says about grace.

Proverbs 3:34 "He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble."
Isaiah 26:10 "Though grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and regard not the majesty of the LORD."
Jonah 2:8-10 "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD." And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land."
John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."
John 1:16, 17 "From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."
Acts 11:21-23 "The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts."
Acts 15:11 "No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."
Romans 3:23, 24 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."
Romans 5:15 "But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!"
Romans 11:6 "And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace."
1 Corinthians 15:10 "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."
2 Corinthians 1:12 "Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace."
2 Corinthians 6:1 "As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain."
2 Corinthians 8:9 "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."
2 Corinthians 12:9 "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."
Galatians 2:21 "I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"
Ephesians 1:7, 8 "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding."
Ephesians 2:4, 5 "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions— it is by grace you have been saved."
Ephesians 2:6, 7 "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 2:8, 9 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith— and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 1:13, 14 “Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”

2 Timothy 2:1 “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

Titus 2:11 “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.”

Titus 3:4-7 “But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”

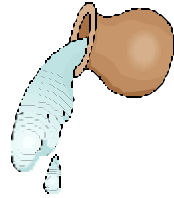
Hebrews 2:9 “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”

James 4:6 “But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

1 Peter 4:10 “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 5:5 “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

What a Difference



Makes

In Titus 3:1-3 Paul describes what the Cretans were like before they knew Christ and what they were like after becoming believers. Mark through what Cretans were like before they knew Christ. Leave what believers in Christ become. The first one is done for you.

~~Foolish~~

Subject to rulers and authorities

Obedient

Disobedient

Deceived

Enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures

Ready to do whatever is good

Slandering no one

Living in malice

Peaceable

Living in envy

Being hated

Considerate

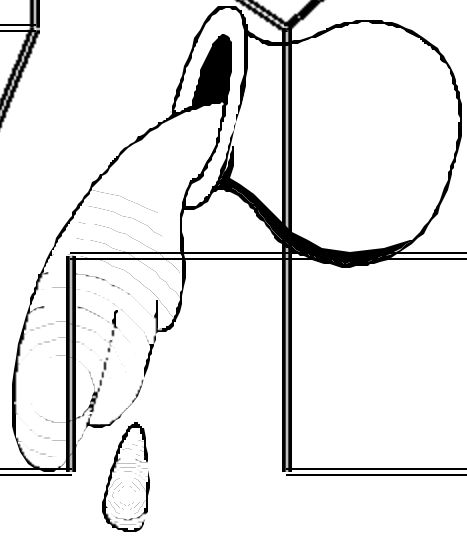
Hating one another

Showing true humility

Use the 'after' qualities to help you fill in these commands for Christians who "devote themselves to doing what is good."

1. Ready to do whatever is _____.
2. One who obeys is _____.
3. _____ no one. (telling lies about others)
4. Be _____ (not quarrelsome).
5. Be subject to rulers and _____.
6. Be _____ (thoughtful and caring).
7. Show true _____ (opposite of pride).

*"Generously
Poured
Out"*



GRACE

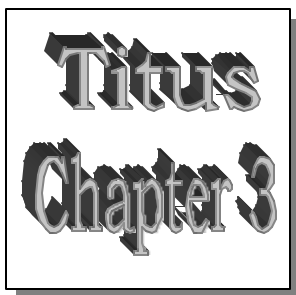
Titus 3:4-7

Aim Questions

Answer the following questions about today's Bible Adventure.

1. What is the theme of Titus?
2. What should be the Christians response to those in authority?
3. Why are we to treat unbelievers with kindness?
4. What was Titus to do to those who were divisive and taught false things?
5. In what ways can you demonstrate “grace” to those who do not know the Lord?

God's grace ought to produce in us a holy life since we want to please the One who saved us by His grace and mercy. We should be in awe and wonder over the truth that God saves sinners like us! And this will produce a joyful desire to love God and please Him in everything! As you think about how you live before non-Christians, can you say that God's grace has matured you?



“This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.”

Titus 3:8

Passage Review Questions
Titus Chapter 3

What does Paul tell Titus to remind the people of? (3:1-2)

How does Paul describe Christians before they were saved by Jesus? (3:3)

What appeared to men that would change their relationship with God? (3:4)

How and why did Jesus save Christians? (3:5, 6)

What do Christians become heirs of? (3:7)

Why did Paul want Titus to stress these things in his teaching?
(3:8)

What are some things that Titus should avoid because they are unprofitable and useless? (3:9)

What process does Paul give to Titus in dealing with a divisive person? (3:10)

How does Paul describe this divisive man? (3:11)

What instruction does Paul give to Titus? (3:12)

What was Paul's conviction for the Crete church to be learning?
(3:14)

How does Paul end his letter to his friend Titus? (3:15)

The Good News

Story Teller: The color green reminds me of things that are growing, like leaves, grass, flowers and trees. This page reminds me of the new life, the everlasting life, you have received from God. When you believe on the Lord Jesus as your Savior from sin, you are like a newborn baby in God's family. God wants you to grow in a special way. The Bible tells you to "grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). As you learn more about Jesus from the Bible you will learn how to keep from sinning (Psalm 119:11). Ask Him each day to help you obey Him. When you do sin, tell God you have sinned. He will forgive you right away. The Bible says, "If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Ask Him to help you not to do that wrong thing again. Would you like to thank God for His promise to help?

Listener: Yes I would!

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the promises You made in Your word for me. Help me to learn about You as I read the Bible. Help me to obey You. Thank You Lord Jesus.

Story Teller: Have you ever seen a book without words or pictures? (Fan the pages showing colors.) This book of colored pages tells a wonderful story from the Bible about the true and living God who made the world. I call my book a *Wordless Book*. Each color reminds me of part of the story. Would you like to hear it?

Listener: Yes I would.

Story Teller: Have you ever peeked at the back page of a book to see if the ending is happy or sad?

Listener: Yes I have..

Story Teller: Let's look at the last page first. It tells us about a very exciting place.

Turn to the Gold page

Story Teller: The gold page reminds me of Heaven. Do you know what Heaven is?

Listener: No I don't.

Story Teller: Heaven is God's home. The Bible tells us that in Heaven, the street of the city is pure, clear, gold-like glass (Rev. 21:21). God tells us many other things about His home. No one is ever sick there. No one ever dies. There is no night there. Every person in Heaven will be perfectly happy—always (Rev. 21:4-23). The most wonderful thing about Heaven is that God the Father and His Son, the Lord Jesus, are there. God made heaven and earth. Can you name some other things He made?

Listener: Sun, moon, stars, trees and flowers

Story Teller: He made you, too, and He loves you very much. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world..." (John. 3:16). This means He loves each person—including you and me. Because God made you and loves you, He wants you to be part of His family and be with Him in Heaven someday. What a special place Heaven is! It is perfect because God is perfect. But there is one thing that can never be in Heaven.

Turn to the Dark page

Story Teller: That one thing is sin. This dark page reminds me of sin. Because you and I are sinners we want to have our own way instead of God's way. Wanting our own way is sin. Doing, or saying, or thinking bad things is sin. Sin is disobeying the rules God has given in His book, the Bible. Sin causes sadness in our world. Can you think of some things that are sin?

Listener: Lying, cheating, murder, disobeying mom and dad.

Story Teller: Do you know that you are a sinner? God's Word says: "For all have sinned" (Romans 3:23). "All" means every one of us, including you and me. Sin separates you and me from God because He is perfectly right—without any sin at all. God cannot allow sin where He is. God has said sin must be punished. The punishment for sin is death—to be separated from God forever (Rom. 6:23). God knew there was nothing you could do to get rid of your sin. He knew you could not be good enough to please Him. But He loves you and wants you to be His child. So He made a way for you to be forgiven and to have all your sins taken away.

Turn to the Red page

Story Teller: The red page shows the way. God loves you so much. He sent His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to earth from Heaven. He was born as a tiny baby. Do you know when we celebrate His birth?

Listener: At Christmas time.

Teller: He grew up and became a man. Jesus was different than any other person who lived on the earth. He never did even one wrong thing. He is perfect. But one day wicked men put a crown of thorns on His head and nailed the Lord Jesus to a cross. The Bible says while He hung there, God put all your sins on Him (Isaiah 53:6). All your anger, all your lies and your meanness—all your sin was put on the Son of God.

When Jesus was nailed to the cross, what came from His hands and His feet? (blood) The Bible says that without giving of blood, there is no forgiveness (Heb 9:22). Jesus took your punishment of death for sin. He suffered so much. Then He cried with a loud voice, "It is finished." When you finish a job, how much is left to do? Nothing.

The Lord Jesus came to earth to take our punishment for sin. And He finished the work when He died on that cross. The Bible says, "Christ died for our sins ... and was buried" (1 Cor. 15:3). But after three days the most wonderful thing happened. God raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus is a living Savior (1 Cor. 15:4). He wants to be your Savior—to save you from your sin.

Turn to the Clean page (white)

Story Teller: This page reminds me that you can be made clean from sin (Psalms 51:7). God tells us about it in the Bible. "For God so loved the world, that he gave only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16
Are you part of the world?

Listener: I think so.

Story Teller: Yes, God loves you. God says if you believe in Jesus you will not perish—you will not be separated from God forever. He will forgive your sins. God says, "whosoever believeth." We could put your name in the place "whosoever." If you believe in Jesus as Savior, what will He give you?

Listener: Everlasting life

Story Teller: That's the kind of life you need to live in Heaven with God. If you believe on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, He will forgive your sin. And He will be with you always and give you power to obey His Word. You can tell Jesus today that you have sinned and that you desire to submit your life to Him and His Word. Would you like to do that?

Listener: Yes I would!

Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I want you to be my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life.

Turn to the Green Page

Walking and Talking Gospel Finger Puppets

Color the boy and girl finger puppets. Cut them out as well as the holes for your fingers. Share the Gospel with each other. Ask a friend to help you.

