



## **Lessons from Titus: Unshakeable Promises**

**Titus 3**

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### **LIFEWORK**

- 1. Share: What do you see getting worse in our culture today? What do you see getting better?**
- 2. Read Titus 3. In week (chapter) 1, we remarked that Paul’s letter to Titus both begins and ends with “grace.” What kind of application jumps off the page at you? What effect does this grace have on our lives?**
- 3. Paul references “we ourselves” in verse 3, and goes on to list attributes of “Cretans” (or Cretan-like people). It’s a bleak picture. What kind of identity is this, and of who/what is it a reflection? What kind of witness does this give?**
- 4. Paul then references how “he saved us” in verse 5. What’s the common ground we all share?**
  - a. A word study reveals that “goodness” in verse 4 has to do with God’s “integrity,” as in, it is His very nature to do this for us. What application can we make about our own “integrity” as a response?**
  - b. A word study also reveals that the “loving kindness” in verse 4 has to do with God’s “benevolence.” What type of themes do you associate with someone who is “benevolent”? How can this apply to your own way of living?**
- 5. Titus is a short letter, written for a specific set of circumstances but applicable to us all. What are your personal takeaways from this book of the Bible?**
- 6. This letter is one of our “pastoral epistles,” which means it was directed toward a church leader. What advice do you see in this that can be applied in a healthy church?**
- 7. Pray for your local church, for the unique challenges of our community (and its leaders), and for our own roles within both!**