

Titus 3:1-8 | Living in society as God's people

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

³At 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. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he 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, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸This 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.

1. What attitude will Christians have toward governments?
2. What reminder from verse 3 ought to keep us from getting arrogant as we grow in our faith?
3. What in verses 4-5 ought to keep us from getting arrogant as we grow in faith?
4. According to verse 5, what power does Baptism have? 19. Who and what give Baptism this power? (5-6)
5. Paul wants us to be careful to devote ourselves to doing what is good. How would this be accomplished among the people of Crete? How will it be accomplished in churches today?
6. Why is serving the Lord in society "excellent and profitable" (verse 8)?