

Sermon Based Discussion

Sermon Title: "It's Good to Do Good"

Sermon Series: Putting the Church in Order (The Book of Titus)

Sermon Text: Titus 3:1-8

OPENING QUESTION

1. What are things you or your family members have been prone to forget. Do you have a "horror story" to share about a time you forgot something important?

INTO THE BIBLE (Read Titus 3:1-8)

It may seem strange that Christians need to be reminded to do good. But Paul was telling Christians to do good even amidst an oppressive government and amidst persecution.

2. In verses 1-2, what does Paul want Titus to remind the Christians to do? What does it imply if they need reminding?
3. In verses 3-7, why does Paul remind the Christians about their lives before Christ?
4. In verses 4-7, what does Paul remind them about what God has done for them?
5. What does it mean that Christians are saved "through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" and how does that connect with doing good? (see also Ezekiel 36:25-27)
6. According to the text, what comes first: God saving us or us doing good? Why is that order important?

GOING DEEPER (Sharing/Application)

7. Look at the list from verses 1-2. Which of these might God want you to grow more in today?
8. Besides those listed in verses 1-2, is there a good God wants you to do right now that you need reminding of? (It might be one of the ones listed here or not.)
9. How does reminding yourself of what you were like before Christ help you do the good God wants you to do?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"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." (Titus 3:4-5)