



Title | Republican vs. Democrat
Series | Us vs. Them
Text | Titus 3:1-7
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Sermon Notes

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, **2** to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. **3** For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. **4** But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **5** 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, **6** whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were once foolish . . . *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Recent studies have shown that a majority of unbelievers in America think that “Christians are primarily motivated by a political agenda and promote right-wing politics.” To what extent do you think this is a fair perception? What effect, if any, do you think this perception may have on our bringing the life of Jesus to people?

Tuesday:

Read Titus 3:1-2. This passage is about believers’ relationship to government. It is about civic responsibility and what a godly citizen looks like. It is about political involvement. The original Greek verb translated “remind” is in the present tense and could be properly translated, “keep on reminding.” Why do believers need to be continually reminded of these things?

Wednesday:

Reread Titus 3:1-2. List all the characteristics of a godly citizen you can find. How do you think our unbelieving culture views the current political activism of Christians in general? Does it fit this biblical profile? Are there some things you may need to change to model grace?

Thursday:

Read Titus 3:3. As indicated by the word, “for,” this is an explanation of why believers ought to exhibit the characteristics in Titus 3:1-2. What is the connection?

Friday:

Read Titus 3:4-7. According to this passage, what is it that truly transforms people? What does this suggest about the relationship between politics and being a model and messenger of grace?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, in this season when there is so much division, so much hate, so much political mudslinging, help me to bring life. Help me to be a model and messenger of grace. Amen.