

SERMON NOTES JANUARY 31, 2010

Grace & Doing Good, *Bob McCoy*

Introduction – the conclusion of our “Letters that Live” series...and the idea of “profiling” Christians...

Text – Titus 3:1-15

Main Idea – Paul brings to conclusion his letter to Titus by reminding them of four “grace-endued” behaviors: Four Main Truths.... The Christians of Crete (and us!) are to be:

I. Subject to their authorities v. 1,2 – their Conduct

Christians ought exhibit exemplary speech, gentle sensitivities and “situational awareness” toward serving others...

- A. Speech – not slanders
- B. Sensitivities – subject, obedient, ready to do good
- C. Service Orientation – peaceable, considerate, humble toward all men

II. Stressors of their salvation v. 3-8 – their Conversion

- A. Who we were v. 3 – enslaved...
- B. What God did v. 4-7 – saved us
- C. Who we are v. 6 – heirs of hope - secured
- D. How we are to live v. 8 – servants

III. Speakers of profitable conversations v. 9-11 – their Conversation

- A. What isn’t profitable or useful – the topic of such conversations
- B. Who aren’t helpful – the test of such companions

IV. Senders of grace-driven greetings v. 12-15 – their Cooperation

Now Paul brings to a close his letter to Titus with some strategic instructions...

- A. Team play – “I send”, “come to me”, “help Zenas”
- B. Temporal productivity – “doing what is good”, productive lives
- C. Grace-driven politeness – give / receive greetings – grace be with you all

Apply - GBC Goals 2010

Conclusion