3:1 Remind [Cretans] to be subject to rulers,





Paul to the Romans:

Rom 13:1-4 Let every person be subject to govern ing authorities...

The Cretans were very dissatisfied with Roman rule, and showed signs of revolt, according to Polybius & Plutarch. Dewalt: Paul's letters to Timothy & Titus

Titus 3:1 "Remind them... to be <u>ready for every good deed</u>"

Eph 2:10 *Created for* good works. Titus 2:7 *Example of* good deeds. Titus 2:14 *Zealous for* good deeds Titus 3:14 *Learn to engage* in good.. Heb 10:25 *Stimulate* to love and good deeds.



John 15:2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit."

Titus 3:2

To malign no one.

Barnes: We are not to say anything <u>to</u> anyone, or <u>of</u> anyone, which will do him injury.

Titus 3:2 To be **Uncontentious**

Not quarrelsome or argumentative. (1 Tim 3:2)

Titus 3:2

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Louw: Forbearing Thayer: Fair, mild.

Titus 3:2 showing every consideration for all men.

Why show consideration to all men?

Titus 3:3 "For we also once were foolish ourselves...

disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures.

Spending our life in malice & envy, hateful, hating one another."

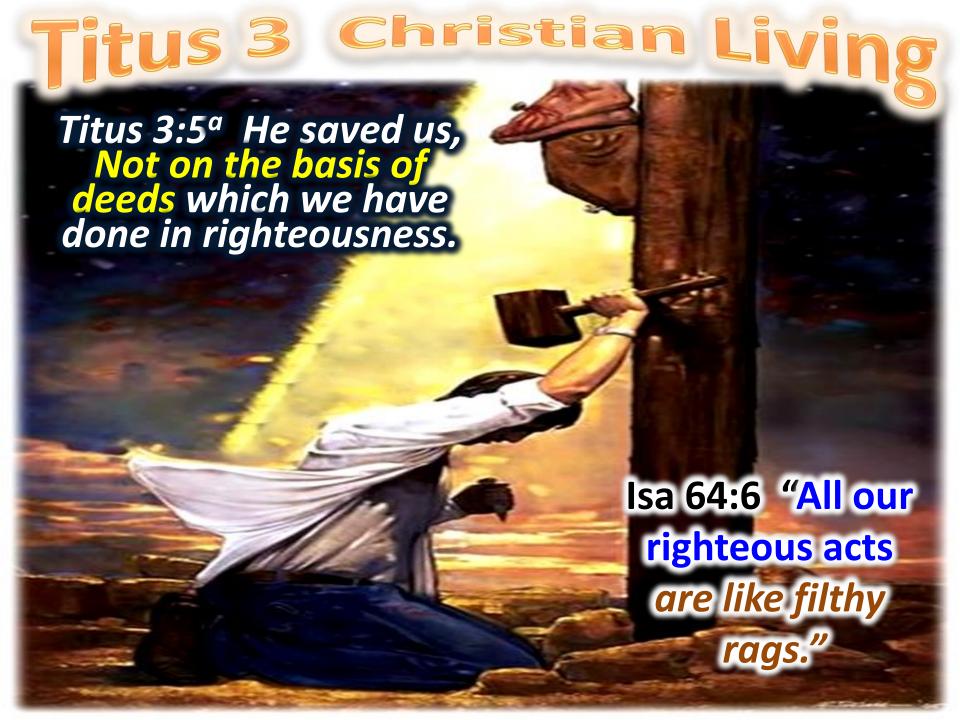
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Tiitus 3:4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared...

Barnes: "When the love of God was manifested in the plan of salvation, he saved us.."

Col 1:26 The mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations. Eph 3:6 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members ...



Titus 3:5^b
"He saved us according to His mercy"

Mercy < Eleos> "Kindness or good will toward the miserable and afflicted, joined with a desire to relieve them"

Thayer

Titus 3:5°
By the Washing of Regeneration.

"Washing" < loutrou>
"Immersion, baptism."
Strongs

"of Regeneration"
"Rebirth or renewal."
Exegetical Dict

"The washing associated with New Birth" (John 3:5; Act 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21)

Titus 3:5^d He saved us.. by the washing of regeneration and Renewing by the Holy Spirith

John 3:5 Born of water and the Spirit,

Eph 5:26 "Cleansed by washing of water with the Word"

Holy Spirit tells us thru His Word:
To be baptized, Why be baptized,
How be baptized, Who be baptized.

Titus 3:5^e "The Holy Spirit, v6 Whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ ..."

Acts 2:17 In the last days, says God, I will pour out [give abundantly] of my Spirit...

(1 Cor 12:8-10) 9 Spiritual gifts, incl knowledge.

(Rom 8:26) Intercession of the Spirit in our prayers.

(Phil 1:19) The Holy Spirit is involved in providence.

(Eph 3:16) Spirit strengthens us with power. Col 3:16



(Rom 1:29^f) "Greed, ..envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, ..gossip, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, disobedient to parents, ³¹ .. untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful..."

Titus 3:7 Justified by His *Grace* that we might be made heirs according to *the Hope of eternal life*.

Do you have a real Hope (expectation) of heaven?

(John 10:28) "No one shall *Snatch* you out of My hand."

Jude 24 Now to Him who is Able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy. (2 Pet 1:5-11)

Titus 3:8^a Concerning these things I want you to speak confidently.

- v.5 We're not saved by good deeds.
- v.5 Salvation based on God's mercy.
- v.5 By <u>washing</u> of regeneration <u>renewal</u> by the Holy Spirit.
- v.7 Justified (acquitted) by grace.
- v.7 To have <u>Hope</u> of Eternal Life.

Some are <u>timid</u>, but should be confident! (2 Tim 1:7)
Some are <u>confident</u> but are ignorant & should be silent!
(1 Tim 1:7)

