

The Normal Christian Life is a *Good Life*

Titus 3:3-12

The Onset of the "Good Life" – The Decisive Power of the Goodness of God (3:3-7a)

Never forget these three essential words: _____!

Why?

1) Who we _____ (Or still _____*)

We were _____, mentally and morally.

We were _____ to our own broken desires.

We were _____ and destructive to others.

We were caught in a reciprocal cycle of _____.

(And these things were/are true of us whether we recognize them or not!)*

2) Who He _____

He is _____, even to the "ungrateful and the wicked" (Luke 6:35)

He is _____ towards all humanity ("philanthropia", v. 4).

He is _____ towards the helpless and hopeless.

He is _____ towards the guilty and underserving.

(And these things are true of Him whether we recognize Him or not!)

How?

"Through Jesus Christ our Savior"! (1 Timothy 2:6; 2 Timothy 1:10; Titus 2:11, 14)

Virgin birth

Sinless life

Sacrificial death

Physical resurrection

The Goal of the Good Life – Our Good and Sure Inheritance (3:7b-8a)

Our "best life" will never be here and now. It is impossible (unless we are *unsaved*). God would never allow this world – or anything in it – to be an _____, substituting for or supplanting Him.

If we are His, our best life is certainly *yet to come!* Here and now, we have a _____. Then and there, we will have _____ that God has promised His own.

The Evidence of the Good Life – The Good Works of the Redeemed (3:8)

We are not saved _____ good works, but we are saved _____ good works.

God doesn't need my good works. (Romans 11:35-36) and I don't "need" them (Titus 3:5).

So, who does? (Titus 3:8)

Some Enemies of the Good Life (3:9-11)

Whatever is foolish ...

Whatever is frivolous ...

Whatever is fruitless ...

And a final warning about and to the divisive ...

A fitting conclusion for us all:

¹⁴ *And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.*