

Calling the Church to Good Works (Titus 3:1-15)

Introduction and Background

- a. 'Unfinished Business' for Titus on Crete
- b. Step 3: Call the churches to 'good works' (3:1, 8 and 14)
- c. Good works within a watching world

(1) The 'good work' of submitting to the governing authorities (1)

- a. New Testament teaching (Matt 22:17-21; 1 Pet 2:13-17 and Rom 13:1-7)
- b. The authorities are 'God's servants'
- c. Submission to authorities quietens critics (1 Peter 2:15)
- d. We may need to 'obey God rather than man' on some issues
- e. Submission remains the over-riding principle
- f. Bad government is better than no government

(2) The 'good work' of relating well to all people (2)

- a. Shun slander (2a)
- b. Pursue peace (2b)
- c. Have humility (2c)

(3) Saved by grace, *not* by 'good works' (3:4-5)

- a. What we were (or would have been) (3)
- b. What we are now (4-7)
 - i. We are *saved* people (5)
 - ii. We are *re-made* people (5b-6)
 - iii. We are *justified* people (7)
 - iv. We are *hope-filled* people (7)

(4) Saved by grace, *for* good works (3:8)

- a. Good works enable us to have what we need (14a)
- b. Good works are part of our reason for living (14b)
- c. Good works are inherently good and help others (8)

(5) Final Instructions (3:12-15)