

Titus 3:4-5 — “God Saved You Apart From Your Own Good Deeds!”

Introduction

- The Gospel is GOOD NEWS:
 - ❖ Good news about **GOD**
 - ❖ Good news for **SINNERS**
 - ❖ Good news concerning **CHRIST**
 - ❖ Good news extolling the **SPIRIT**
 - ❖ Good news igniting **HOPE**
 - ❖ Good news demanding **PROCLAMATION**

Background to Titus 3

- **Theme/purpose of Titus:** Theme verse in Titus 1.5 - ‘set things in order’//church ministry/life
 - Titus 1 — Church leadership (*protecting the gospel*)
 - Titus 2-3 — Christian living (*practicing the gospel*)
- Chapter 3 begins: how to live in society?
 - (1) vv.1-2 - live godly lives;
 - (2) v.3 - your depraved past;
 - (3) v.4-7 - God’s grace in salvation/motivation/enablement for holy living!

THESIS — This text provides us with the good news of the Christian gospel. 3 toweringly triumphant Truths.

➔ **Big point: God saved you apart from your own good works.**

1. Your salvation is *exclusively from God*.
2. Your salvation is *emphatically without works*.
3. Your salvation is *entirely by mercy*.

I. YOUR SALVATION IS EXCLUSIVELY FROM GOD! (5a)

1. The **redeemer** -- “He”
2. The **rescue** -- “saved”
3. The **recipients** -- “us”

Now, at this point: there are **two** prepositional phrases/clauses that further define **HOW** God saved us:

- (1) a strong **negation** of any contribution on our part; and
- (2) an emphatic **affirmation** that salvation is solely based on God’s mercy.

II. YOUR SALVATION IS EMPHATICALLY WITHOUT WORKS (5b)

Works which *we -- we ourselves -- we have done --*

1. you can't **contribute**
2. you can't **cooperate**
3. you can't **convert**
4. you can't **confide** in your own efforts
5. you can't **comfort** your conscience

To review:

- ✓ God's Standard – **Perfection** (can't do it!)
- ✓ God's Commandments – **Revelatory** (it reveals our sin)
- ✓ God's Justice – **Exact, Inflexible** (we are sinful & guilty & doomed)
- ✓ God's Provision – **Righteousness** (God sent Christ: obeyed the Law & suffered for us)

III. YOUR SALVATION IS ENTIRELY BY MERCY! (5c)

According to His **mercy** --

- **Mercy is divine pity toward those in deplorable state.**
- **Mercy is God's pity toward those in misery.**

My Hope Is In The Lord

My hope is in the Lord Who gave Himself for me
And paid the price Of all my sin at Calvary.

**For me He died; For me He lives,
And everlasting life And light He freely gives.**

No merit of my own His anger to suppress
My only hope is found In Jesus' righteousness

His grace has planned it all 'Tis mine but to believe
And recognize His work of love And Christ receive

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which
flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless, look to Thee for
grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die.