

“The Central Message of Revival.”

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Text: Titus 3:3-7

Sermon Series: “The Overhaul of the Heart.”

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Volume 1 – The Bad News of the Gospel (v. 3)

A. The Reality of Our Sinful State

- **Foolishness:** Living without understanding or wisdom (Proverbs 14:12).
- **Disobedience:** Rebellion against God’s authority and commands.
- **Deception:** Being led astray by worldly desires and false ideologies.
- **Enslavement:** Addiction to sinful passions and pleasures.

B. The Result of Our Sinful State

- **Broken Relationships:** Sin damages how we treat others, leading to malice, envy, and hatred.
 - **Hopeless Living:** Without God, we’re trapped in a cycle of sin and its consequences.
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Part 2: Volume 2 – The Good News of the Gospel (vv. 4–7)

A. God’s Intervention in Love (vv. 4–5)

- **God’s Character:** Goodness and loving-kindness are at the heart of His actions.
- **God’s Initiative:** Salvation is not because of works of righteousness but entirely by His mercy.
- **Regeneration and Renewal:** The Holy Spirit washes us and makes us new, pointing to the doctrine of being born again (John 3:3).

B. The Result of Salvation (vv. 6–7)

- **Justification by Grace:** We’re declared righteous because of Jesus’ work, not our own (Ephesians 2:8–9).
- **Heirs of Eternal Life:** Our future is secure as God’s children.
- **Hope Renewed:** Contrast the hopelessness of verse 3 with the hope of eternal life in verse 7.

Life Application: Embrace the good news. Celebrate the transformation God brings through salvation. Respond to God’s love with gratitude and devotion, sharing this news with others.