

Amazed by God: The Radical Gospel

Titus 3:1-3

Paul's Letter to Titus

Emphasis: The Christian's Orderly Response to the Disorder of their Culture

Outline:

- I. The **Positive** Descriptive (v. 1)
- II. The **Negative** Descriptive (v. 2a)
- III. The **Positive** Descriptive (v. 2b)
- IV. The Radical **Gospel** (v. 3)

When it comes to politics, Christians have a tendency to allow their emotions to run ahead of what is true. There are two competing forces. They are not equal, but both exist. There is the Seed of the Woman on the one hand and the Seed of the Serpent on the other. These two forces are in opposition and they will never be reconciled. There will be peace, but it will come at the expense of the Serpent's Seed bowing before the Seed of the Woman.

Shepherding the Sheep: NOW WHAT?

- As a Christian, how you speak of the authorities is a reflection of the JESUS SEED.
- As children of God, we do not speak of our governing authorities like the children of Babylon (i.e. the world).

If you are an unbeliever and have put your confidence in the governing powers, let me tell you that God alone is in charge. He alone will bring an end to this world's counterfeit kingdom and thoroughly straighten all that is crooked.

It appears overly redundant, but the text seems to accent this and speak to it repeatedly. The intent is that we get it. What is the point? The point is this, "The JESUS SEED always produces GOSPEL FRUIT."

The gospel radically changes its recipients from the inside out. We are very different from our unbelieving counterparts. We make no arrogant boast as if our own work made us better or more worthy or somehow earned a standing before God. We began with the simple profession that "we can't, but God can," concluding with "and Jesus did."

