

## Amazed

Titus 3:3-8

3. At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

4. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

5. he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

6. whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7. so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

8. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Amazed = "a strong feeling of astonishment or wonder".

### I. I'M STILL AMAZED BY GOD'S LOVE!

v3-4 - At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

a) "Foolish" – This means to be without understanding or ignorant of the things concerning God

b) "Disobedient" – One who is rebellious toward God.

c) "Deceived" – Continually led deeper and deeper into sin by Satan.

d) "enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures – One who is a slave to the desires of the flesh.

e) "lived in malice" – this refers to a lifestyle of evil.

f) "Envy" – Always grasping for more and desiring what others have.

g) "Being Hated" – This is the natural fruit of all the above. This kind of life makes one mean-spirited and hard to get along with.

h) "Hating one another" – Walking without love for your fellow man.

v 4 - But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **II. I'M STILL AMAZED BY GOD'S SALVATION!**

v5b-6 - He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Salvation = "rescue from harm, destruction or danger".

v6 - whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

## **III. I'M STILL AMAZED BY GOD'S MERCY-**

v5a - he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

## **IV. I'M STILL AMAZED BY GOD'S GRACE!**

v7 - so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Grace = the unmerited favor of God coupled with the power to live free from the dominion of sin.

## **V. I'M STILL AMAZED BY GOD'S SON!**

v6 - whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Acts 4:12 - Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

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