

Becoming

- Let's begin today by watching this 8:20 video overview of the letter from Paul to Titus.
- Ok, last week we looked at how grace is helping us unlearn the patterns and behaviors of our culture.
- This week let's take a look at what replaces those patterns and behaviors. Who do we become by God's grace?

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Habits

- Old habits die hard! When it comes to breaking bad habits we have learned to be very firm with ourselves, even harsh.
 - To stop drinking needs a program, to quit smoking usually takes gum, to lose weight needs new food, and to stop sucking our thumbs requires work!
 - What does it take for new humans to live their new lives? And what will be the result?

Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.

- Remember who we were when God found us! We did not obey God, and were led by our own pleasures. We were full of ourselves not others.
- We didn't merit grace by our goodness.

4 But— “When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,
5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had
done, but because of his mercy.

- But God saved us! On what grounds? Not because of our righteous deeds, but because He is rich in mercy— pardoning the guilty.
- And what did God do for us to make us New Humans?

He washed away our sins, *giving us a new birth and new life* through the Holy Spirit. 6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

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1. He paid for our sins through Jesus' death (How many of your sins were still in the future when Jesus died on the cross?)
 2. He declared us righteous and secured our future (He dressed us in the robes of Jesus' righteousness!)
 3. He generously gave us the Holy Spirit
 - What kind of new humans come out of this grace?

8 This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will *devote themselves* to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

- New humans by God's grace show lives of new devotions. Let's look at 3 ways we show this.

New Humans

1. New humans flow from a new operating system by God's Holy Spirit leading them to do good!
 - a. How do we turn up the volume of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
 - ii. The Mind and Body must work together. Romans 12:1-2
 - iii. We form a new mind by the Bible God's Word- not just thinking...
 - iv. We form new habits by new disciplines- not just raw doing...

New Humans

2. New humans show humility as good citizens because they know who they used to be!
 - a. We now can submit to governing authorities, do good in society by seeking the common good, and do so in gentleness and humility.
3. New humans grow toward a new direction of spiritual maturity
 - a. Because our future is secured and we are declared righteous, we now can walk out what has been worked in— we can become like Jesus!
 - b. Point them toward the print outs and the link for next week.