

**Reflection Questions:** Does any of *Titus 3:3* still describe me? Which of these do I struggle the most with? Do I ever have a sense of arrogance over those who are still lost in their sins? Am I willing to repent and to share the gospel with them?

In light of *Titus 3:3-7*, how can we pray for one another this week?



Titus 3:3-7

*Sermon*  
Notes

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### Quotes to Ponder

*In the salvation of human beings God is wholly subject,  
men and women are wholly objects.*

Jerome D. Quinn

*As when a house is in a ruinous state no one places props under it, nor makes any addition to the old building, but pulls it down to its foundations, and rebuilds it anew; so in our case, God has not repaired us, but has made us anew.*

Chrysostom

*Only when we truly believe that apart from Christ there is no more hope of Heaven for us than there is for the worst sinner we meet can we minister the gospel to that one and others.*

R. Kent Hughes

*The gracious Lord came in uncalled for and unsought. In the bounty of His heart and in the great love of His nature He determined to save man.*

*Works of righteousness are the fruit of salvation, and the root must come before the fruit. The Lord saves His people out of clear, unmixed, undiluted mercy and grace, and for no other reason.*

Charles Spurgeon

*People cannot save themselves! Salvation depends solely and completely on God's grace, displayed in "His mercy," revealed and achieved by His Son, Jesus Christ, and applied to humankind by the Holy Spirit.*

Thomas D. Lea

*Good works are the result, not the cause, of the saving, transforming power of God's grace in one's life.*

Hayne P. Griffin

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-  
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What is the natural person like according to *Titus 3:3*? Does this de-  
scribe you before salvation? Explain.

3. What would you say to someone who insisted that *Titus 3:3* is not an  
accurate description of their past?

Why is it important to see that it is an accurate description and to re-  
member it?

4. What do each of these mean (*Titus 3:3*)?

*Foolish* —

*Disobedient* —

*Deceived* —

*Enslaved to lusts and pleasures* —

*Living in malice* —

*Living in envy* —

*Hateful, hating one another* —

5. How do these Scriptures further describe the natural man?

*Romans 1:29-31* —

*Galatians 4:8* —

*Romans 3:10-18* —

*Galatians 5:19-21* —

*Romans 7:5* —

*Ephesians 2:1-3* —

*1 Corinthians 6:9-11* —

*Ephesians 4:17-24* —

6. How can the reminder of our sinful past motivate us to engage the  
world around us?

7. Some Christians would argue that to be reminded of our sinfulness is  
negative and unhealthy for our self-esteem. How would you respond?

8. When you compare the seven commands of *Titus 3:1-2* with the seven-  
fold description of sinful mankind in *Titus 3:3* what connections might  
be there?

9. What can the natural person do to save themselves? Back up your an-  
swer with Scripture.

10. How does the God who saves us act toward us? How did we earn this  
benefit from Him?