

UPCOMING EVENTS

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• Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection - Ends November 25th

• Train of Lights - Tuesday, December 10th @ 6:30 pm

• Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland - Friday, December 13th @ 11 am

• CityTeam Outreach - Saturday, December 21st @ 4 pm

• Christmas Eve Services - Tuesday, December 24th @ 4 pm & 6 pm

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Found In You" - Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier

"Hosanna" - Brooke Faser

"Grateful" - Stefan Green, Chris Brown, Matthew Ntlele, Steven Furtick

"Taste and See" - Valley Bible Worship

"Goodness of God" - Ed Cash, Jenn Johnson

"Whole Heart (Hold Me Now)" - Aodhan King, Joel Houston

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00

Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,583,964.00

Text "valleybiblegive" 779-77 to give today.

Giving Last Week.....\$28,775.00

Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,565,875.00



TITUS
CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

11/24/19 | MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

MESSAGE NOTES

What is this grace that CHANGED & changes us?

Titus 3:1-11

More training from the grace of God: how we treat "hard" unbelievers (1-2).

Titus 2:11 *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness . . . and to live self-controlled, . . .*

Titus 3:1 *Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.*

Implications of grace's training: God did something to change us (3).

Titus 3:3 *For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.*



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THE CHANGE: what caused these changes (4-7).

Rom 6:17 *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.*

1 Cor 6:11 *And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

1. Its summation: God the Father rescued us (5a).

5a *he saved us, . . .*

Acts 2:21 *And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

1 Tim 1:15 *The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*

2. Its revealing: at a certain time, God's "saving-ness" came to us (4).

4 *But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,*

3. Its basis: God took pity on us (5b).

5b *. . . not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, . . .*

4. Its means: God cleansed & renewed us on the inside instantaneously (5c).

5c *. . . , by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,*

5. Its dynamic: the Spirit's richness came to us because of Jesus (6).

6 *whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

John 7:38 *Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

6. Its standing: justification became who we are (7a).

7a *so that being justified by his grace . . .*

7. Its future: eternal life was secured for us (7b).

7b *. . . we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

The importance of these changes (8-11):

1. Leaders must treat them as essential & declare them confidently (8).

8 *The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.*

2. Their violation must be confronted with authority & clarity (9-11).

9 *But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.*