

Titus Chapter 3: If You Pursue Your Redeemed Nature, You can Become an Heir According to the Present Hope of Eternal Life

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I. Introduction

Are you struggling with sin? Does it seem impossible to overcome? Are you aware that God can save you from your sin as He did Paul and Titus? Not only can He deliver you from your sinful tendencies, if you pursue the blameless behavior He prescribes, you will become an heir according to the present hope you now have in eternal life.

Review: What we believe dictates our behavior and our behavior should reflect our redeemed nature.

Titus 1:1–16, What You Believe will Dictate Your Behavior

Our actions are driven by what we hold to be true. When it comes to elders, their actions must be blameless in every aspect of their lives, including family. An elder must hold true God's Word so that he can remain blameless and properly execute his stewardship over God's house. Anyone who doesn't hold fast to God's Word becomes defiled in thought and action.

Titus 2:1 – 3:2, Your Behavior Should Reflect Your Redeemed Nature

Elders must not only teach the flock the blameless behavior they should adopt, but they must serve as examples of it. In turn, every member of the flock should pursue blamelessness (so that God and His Word will not be blasphemed) because God's grace is redeeming them from their sinful nature and teaching them to be zealous for good works.

- II. **Titus 3:3–7:** Paul and Titus serve as powerful examples that God can save us from our sinful nature so that we can become heirs according to the present hope of eternal life.

III. **Titus 3:8–11:** Elders must teach their flock blameless behavior (which is profitable) but they must avoid foolish disputes (which are unprofitable) and reject those who would engage in such behavior.

IV. **Titus 3:12–15:** Titus has a limited time to appoint elders and set things in order, thus, he must use every opportunity to stir the Cretans to good works, like providing assistance for Zenas' and Apollos' journey.

V. Conclusion

God gives believers struggling with sin tremendous hope that they can overcome their sinful tendencies. Paul and Titus serve as great examples of God's deliverance from sinful behavior. God not only delivers believers of their sin, if they pursue the blameless behavior God dictates, they will become heirs based on the present hope of eternal life. In order for believers to strive for their heirship, elders must teach and remind them of the proper behavior they should adopt but elders must avoid and reject foolish and divisive disputes, using every opportunity to stir their flock to good works (blamelessness).