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***Abounding Grace: Belonging
Poured Out Richly***

Titus 3:3-7

For Discussion and Reflection

1. Read through Titus 3:3-7 again. What persons of the Trinity are involved in our salvation? What acts does Paul attribute to each member of the Trinity?
2. Paul says that we are justified by Jesus' grace or gift. The Spirit regenerates or grants us new life. Why does the Spirit regenerate us so that we can be justified? Regeneration enables us to _____ so that we can be justified. What does new life and renewal enable? Consider Paul's statement in Romans 3:22-24.
3. What does Paul understand by the terms regeneration and renewal? The term regeneration is a compound word, "born again." The word renewal is also a compound word "make new." What do these words communicate about the Spirit's work? Consider the teaching of Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:1-8.
4. Paul says that if we have the Spirit, we are children of God, Romans 8:14. He speaks of this to the Galatians, saying that God sent the "Spirit of his Son" into our lives, Galatians 4:1-7, because we are sons. What work of Jesus is the Spirit applying to believers?
5. Jesus not only provides our justification, but he also provides our sanctification or holiness. Positionally, we are "set apart" for God and new creations in Christ, but practically the Spirit is making us holy in our daily growth. A holiness that Paul assures the Philippians God began and will complete, Philippians 1:6. What does Paul teach us about the Spirit's work in our sanctification, 2 Corinthians 3:18?
6. Paul says that through the Spirit, we put to death the deeds of the flesh, Romans 8:13. How are you engaging the Spirit to accomplish this in your life?
7. The new life granted us through the resurrection of Jesus is not just spiritual. We believe that someday, at his return, believers will be raised to eternal life in glory (non-believers will be raised to eternal life of judgment). Who applies that resurrection to us? Romans 8:11
8. There are more gifts of Christ's salvation that the Spirit applies, like the gifts of Christ to his people, Eph. 4:7,8. Does the breadth of the Spirit's work surprise you? How will you respond to and engage this divine person?
9. What are you learning about the Spirit of God? How can you take what you've learned and apply it to grow in grace?