Titus; Renewal

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Titus 3:4-5 (ESV)

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by **the washing of regeneration** and **renewal of the Holy Spirit**,

Titus 3:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that **being justified by his grace** we might become **heirs** according to the hope of eternal life.

This is a beautiful picture of the work of God to rescue HIS people. Now the experiential proof of God's theology and its power at work is "us".

Titus 3:3 (ESV)

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.

Let us <u>examine</u> this picture of the work of God:

Look at how Paul <u>transitions</u> into this work of God: Titus 3:4 (ESV)

(For we ourselves were once foolish) But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared – **We were changed!**

How were we changed?

Washed By Regenerating Blood - Out of the Pig Pen Galatians 1:3–4 (ESV)

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins <u>to</u> <u>deliver us from the present evil age</u>, according to the will of our God and Father,

Renewal By The Holy Spirit - Continual Fellowship Galatians 5:25 (ESV)

If we live by the Spirit, let us also **keep in step with the Spirit**.

Justified By Violent Grace - The End Result

Philippians 2:13 (ESV)

It is **God who works in you**, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Washed, Renewed, and Justified: Now eternal glory awaits us and we will reign with Christ for all eternity.

Heirs Reigning Forever With Christ - Eternal Glory Romans 8:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and <u>if children, then heirs</u>— heirs of God and <u>fellow heirs with Christ</u>, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

The Holy Spirit speaks to us that this is true.

This is not our home. This life is just a vapor. All of us should focus on our eternity with Christ. It will impact our decisions we make here. Not only that, our decisions will store up treasures for us in heaven that will endure for eternity.

The "suffer" part of this verse is where we agree with God and stand for HIM in this godless world.

We suffer with HIM knowing we have glory awaiting us in heaven with an abundance of heavenly rewards.

In this world, Qualified - Right As God!

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

In this world, same sex marriages, glorifying transgender lifestyles, no moral absolutes, believe we evolved from monkeys, and they are not ashamed.

However in this world, we are not shamed to declare God created the universe, we are Forgiven, God lives in us, God speaks to us, and we will Reign for eternity with Jesus.