

RECURRING THEME THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE...

_____ and _____ gets our attention, affection, and appreciation gets _____

PAUL'S COMMAND (3:1-2)

- Believers should live _____ lives and _____

"¹Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. ²They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone."

PAUL'S RATIONALE (3:3-7)

- Believers have a _____ Jesus story, a _____ Jesus story, and a _____ Jesus story

"³Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. ⁴But—

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. ⁶He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."

- Because of God's _____
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- Salvation makes us _____ with God
- Salvations gives us the _____ of eternal life

PAUL'S CHARGE (3:8-11)

- Believers _____ live godly lives and do good

"⁸This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone. ⁹Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time. ¹⁰If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them. ¹¹For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them."

PAUL'S FINAL REMARKS & GREETING (3:12-15)

- Grace and good works go _____

"¹²I am planning to send either Artemas or Tychicus to you. As soon as one of them arrives, do your best to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to stay there for the winter. ¹³Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos with their trip. See that they are given everything they need. ¹⁴Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive. ¹⁵Everybody here sends greetings. Please give my greetings to the believers—all who love us. May God's grace be with you all."