God Deeds

Tony Mauck · Titus 3:1–14

INTRODUCTION

- The reason why people do this is they just don't like what God has said.
- Our job is not to explain away or ignore what we do not like. God does not reserve that right for us.
- A popular notion today that is growing in popularity, and that is that God has done everything in salvation. All you have to do is believe.

1 Real Christianity Always Ends Up in Good Deeds

Titus 3:1–14; Titus 2:14

- Let our people also learn to engage in good deeds, to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.
- They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny him.
- He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for himself a people for his own possession.
- Whatever the grace of God appearing means, it in no way nullifies our activity.

2 Grace Has Never Meant It Doesn't Matter How We Live

Romans 6:1–2; 2 Corinthians 6:1; Jude 4

- Grace has never meant God will save us regardless of how we live.
- Or shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? May it never be.
- Working together with him, he says, we urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
- Any view of the grace of God that promotes immorality is a lie.
- We can't do enough to merit our salvation.

3 Why Your Good Deeds Are Important

1 Peter 2:12; Hebrews 10:24–25; 1 Thessalonians 5:14–15

- God cleaned up our mess. Good deeds are the least that we can do.
- Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers they may, on account of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.
- People are watching you to determine the validity of truth.
- Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together.
- Let's not just be fitness folks, but spiritual fitness folks as well.
- Admonish the unruly, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all men. There are your good deeds right there.

4 Saved by Grace Through Faith: The Right Balance

Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:14

- You are saved by grace through faith.
- I put grace on top because grace is the greater part.
- The reason why we emphasize the faith part so much is that's the part we control.
- The gospel means change in our lives. It means ongoing change.

5 God's Greater Part Is the Motivation

- God's greater part is the motivation.
- That must be our motivation to be his zealous servants.
- Time and circumstances can rob us of our zeal. We've got to keep coming back to this message. Salvation by grace through faith.
- Zeal is fire inside of us. Fervency, a boiling over for God.

THE CHALLENGE

May the grace of God motivate you to act while there's time and opportunity that your life may not be unfruitful, but fruitful to the Lord.

MY NOTES