

SI: John Adams *Our constitution was made only for a moral & religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*

GA: Disturbed by what I see in America – equally by our spiritual state.

ORT/NEED: How do you interact w/the ungodly? Your lost neighbor? How Θ 's people live in the church—to how they live in the world. **1**

Pet 2:9-10 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are Θ 's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

CXT: 1:5 *The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone &, as I directed you, to appoint elders in every town.* Revered Zeus—liar & a womanizer. Immortalized him for his underhanded ways. The Cretans cast themselves in his image—they were *liars, self-indulgent, sexually deviant. Governed by ungodly leader* (Nero). Known as *immoral, carnal, arrogant, greedy, treacherous*. Xians were in the moral minority—recipients of both *slander/violence*. **Similar?**

- Paganism.
- Post-Xian America—Cultural Xianity.

Reaction? Sadness to anger—Brokenness to apathy. Paul writes to keep them from feeling hostile toward & superior to the unconverted.

CIT: Titus was to remind the church that the gospel that saved & transformed them should also impact everyone around them.

CIS: The gospel's transforming power calls for you to live a life that is attractive to the lost.

PNP: Θ reminds us that our transformed lives should impact 2 areas.

Take care of how you operate in the world.

- **vv1b-2** Remember your responsibilities as a Xian.

1 Remind them ^{those who have experienced grace 2:11} to ¹submit to rulers & authorities, to ²obey, to ³be ready for every good work, **2** to ¹slander no one, to ²avoid fighting ^{not contentious}, & to ³be kind ^{courteous/not pharisaical}, always ⁷showing gentleness ^{not self-important} to all people.

Eph 6:6 *but as slaves of X, doing Θ's will from your heart.*

- **v3** Remember when you were lost.

3 For we too were once ¹foolish ^{no knowledge/no sense}, ²disobedient ^{defies authority}, ³deceived ^{unenlightened by revelation}, ⁴enslaved by various passions & pleasures, ⁵living in malice ^{mean-spirited} & ⁶envy, ⁷hateful, detesting one another.

1 Cor 6:11 *Some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord JX & by the S of our Θ.*

- **vv4-7** Remember when J saved you.

4 But when the ¹kindness ^{goodness} of Θ our Savior & His ²love ^{affectionate concern} for mankind appeared, **5** He saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His ³mercy—through the ⁴washing ^{cleansing} of regeneration ^{new birth} & ⁵renewal ^{sanctification} by the HS. **6** He poured out His S on us abundantly ^{richly} ⁶through JX our Savior **7 so that**, having been justified ^{by imputation} by His ⁷grace, we may become heirs w/the hope of eternal life.

Ro 2:4 *Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, & patience, not recognizing that Θ's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?*

- **v8** Remember your mission to the unbeliever.

8 This saying ^{logos/gospel} is trustworthy. I want you to insist on these things, **so that** those who have believed Θ might be careful to devote themselves to good works. These are good & **profitable** for everyone sinners outside the church in need of grace.

Mt 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works & give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Trans: Attractive life before the world – built on sanctified relationships.

Take care of how you relate to certain groups.

- **v9** Relationships w/false teachers.

9 But **avoid** foolish debates, genealogies, quarrels, & disputes about the law, because they are **unprofitable** & worthless.

- **Heretics** – avoid.
- **People error** – be to them what you can be, to strengthen what can be.
- **vv10-11** Relationships w/facitious people.

10 Reject ^{Mt 18:15-17} a divisive person after a first & second warning. **11** For you know that such a person has gone astray ^{warped/perverted} & is sinning; he is self-condemned it is his own fault for being obstinate.

- **vv12-13** Relationships w/fellow servants.

12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, **make every effort** to come to me in Nicopolis, because I have decided to spend the winter there. **13** Diligently **help** Zenas the lawyer & Apollos on their journey, **so that** they will lack nothing.

- **vv14-15** Relationships w/faithful friends.

14 Let our people **learn** to devote themselves to good works for pressing needs, **so that** they will not be unfruitful. **15** All those who are w/me send you greetings. **Greet** those who love us in the faith i.e. the faithful.
Grace be w/all of you though addressed to an individual.

CIS: The gospel's transforming power calls for you to live a life that is attractive to the lost.

CEP: 1:16 [False teachers] *claim to know* Θ, *but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, & unfit for any good work.*

1:8 [The pastor is to be] *loving what is good*. **2:7** [He is to] *make [himself] an example of good works w/integrity & dignity in [his] teaching.*

2:3 [Like the older men], *older women are.... to teach what is good.*

2:14 [X] *gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness & to cleanse for Himself a people for His own possession, eager to do good works*. **3:1** *Remind [those touched by grace] to submit to rulers & authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work*. **3:8** *Those who have believed Θ might be careful to devote themselves to good works. These are good & profitable for everyone.* **3:14** *Let [Θ's] people learn to devote themselves to good works for pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.*

G: 5 He saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy.