

Problem

Read Titus 1:10-11, 16 -describe the problem in your own words.

Our problem today is that when everyone looks the same how can you tell them apart?

Read the following article and discuss how it relates to Titus 1:10-11, 16: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/LIVING/08/27/almost.christian/index.html>

Read Titus 1:16, 2:14-15; 3:1, 5, 8, 9, 14. What is the central issue of Titus?

The Main Idea of the sermon:

We do not distinguish ourselves from false christians by adopting a different style. We distinguish ourselves by our readiness and careful devotion to good works.

I. be ready for every good work (Titus 3:1-2)

Are good works natural or supernatural? Read James 1:20, 3:8-12.

Can't unbelievers do good works? Read Matthew 7:11.

Why are the works of non-believers not ultimately good? Read Isaiah 43:7; 48:9-11 and Romans 3:10-18.

What demonstrates that a faith is dead? Read James 2:14-24. The focus is quality not quantity of faith.

How does Titus 1:16, fit these examples?

II. it is what you were saved for (Titus 3:3-8)

Are we saved by our works? Read Galatians 5:1-6.

How do good works fit into the equation? Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

How does Titus 2:11-15, fit with this idea?

Titus was to insist on the work of Christ so that they could be careful to devote themselves to good work.

How might this relate to 1 Corinthians 10:31?

III. it is what distinguishes you from the fakers (Titus 3:9-15)

What is the evidence of our salvation? Read John 15:1-8

Whose glory were Ananias and Saphira concerned with? Read Acts 5:1-11.

What happened to the church after God pruned it? Read Acts 5:12-14.

Titus 3:10 describes those who stir up division. What is their motive? Who is their God? Read Philippians 3:17-21.

Contrast this person (Titus 3:10) with 2 Peter 1:12-13; 3:1 and Hebrews 10:23-25

How might we stir one another up to good works that bring glory to God? Read the following article and discuss: <http://www.desiringgod.org/blog/posts/12-ways-to-glorify-god-at-work>

How might you glorify God with your time? Be specific. List what you are doing now and list what you want to be doing?

How might you glorify God with your talents and abilities? Be specific. List what you are doing now and list what you want to be doing?

How might you glorify God with your treasure? Be specific at least with yourself. List what you are doing now and list what you want to be doing?

How might you glorify God on Facebook/Twitter/etc.?

Our good works make it hard to fake believers to feel comfortable and fake it. This ultimately creates a powerful testimony to the world and really makes the message more powerful as we adorn the doctrine of God our savior by actually looking saved!!!