

# SERMON REFLECTIONS

## Devote to Doing What Is Good

Titus 3 | 23 October 2022 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

### Reflection Questions

1. In the epistle to Titus, the apostle Paul was concerned about Quality Membership, that the Christians (leaders and members) in the churches in Crete are people of good character. I believe church-goers in Singapore might occasionally talk about good churches in Singapore.
  - a. What are the qualities of the popular big churches in Singapore (service attendance more than 2,000 – their popularity would indicate that they are good in some ways to many Christians)?
  - b. What are the qualities would the Bible say that a good church should have?
  
2. From Titus 3, 3 verses mentioned *“doing what is good”*.

3:1 – the people are reminded *“to be ready to do whatever is good”*.

3:8 – those who have trusted in God *“may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good”*.

3:14 – *“our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good”*.

  - a. What are good things in the Bible that Christians/churches ought to be doing?
  - b. How much of the biblical good are we doing – individually, as a DG, and BMC?
  - c. Can the DG commit to doing some/more of the biblical good?

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3. God the Father, through the Sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, dealt with Sin completely in 3 ways:
  - i. Penalty of Sin – paid for it through Christ’s death (Justification) – *“I have been saved”* (Past).
  - ii. Power of Sin – overcome through our dependence on the Holy Spirit (Sanctification) – *“I am being saved”* (Present).
  - iii. Presence of Sin – absent before God the Father in heaven (Glorification) – *“I will be saved”* (Future).

Discuss about Justification:

- a. What does it mean for us as an individual, and in our relationship with God and each other?
  - b. What does it mean to us as a church, how we should treat others? (For example: If everyone can only be saved by grace, doesn’t that mean we should be welcoming to all to our church, since no one can boast of their own goodness – and yet do you think our church would really welcome those different from us – those who are released from prison, those who are poorly dressed, those who sleep on the streets, or red-light district workers who are introduced to Christ and want to know more about church, etc.)
4. The Power of sin enslaves the world, and Christians are still influenced by it (because we are still in the flesh). Yet Christians can be delivered from the power of sin if we live according to the Spirit.

How can Christians live according to the Spirit? Discuss about what Pastor Aaron preached regarding using the spiritual resources of Prayer, Word of God and Body of Christ. You can also share about other spiritual resources available to us.

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5. There is a tension between Justification and Sanctification, between Grace and Holiness, that many Christians/churches have experienced.

Share your understanding/experience regarding this tension.  
How best can we embrace Salvation that is both Justification and Sanctification in our life/spiritual journey/DG?

Thank you for learning together; and may what you learn go into your heart and out through your hands/feet/mouth/life.

God bless.  
Pastor Aaron Tay

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