

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Saved For Christ
Titus—Week 8

ICEBREAKER: If you could wave a magic wand and stop any one thing, what would you stop? Why?

OVERVIEW: The Bible teaches that we are not saved by good works, but by grace through faith (see Eph. 2:8). But this wonderful truth has led many to conclude that if we don't have to earn our way to heaven through good works, then we don't have to be good. If God doesn't save us based on our performance, then we can simply believe in Jesus to escape hell, and then live our lives however we please. But that's a gross misinterpretation of the Bible. In this discussion we will go deeper with Titus 2:11-15 and answer the following question: If salvation is a free gift, then can we ignore God's commands and do whatever we want?

1. **Read Titus 2:11-15.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. If we are not saved by good works, then why do we need to do good works?
3. **Read Titus 2:14.** Why did Jesus die for us?
 - a. What does it mean to "redeem us from all lawlessness"?
 - b. What does it mean to "cleansed for Himself a people for His own possession"?
 - c. What does it mean to be "eager to do good works"?
4. Does the three-fold description in Titus 2:14 describe you — redeemed from all lawlessness, cleansed for Christ's possession, eager to do good works? How you need to grow in these areas.

5. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:15.** Why did Christ die for us? What does it mean "to live for the One who died for them"? Are you living for the One who died for you? Explain.
6. **Read Romans 14:7-9.** Why did Christ die for us? What does it mean that Christ died to be "Lord over both the dead and the living"? Is Christ "Lord over" you? Explain.
7. **Read 1 Peter 2:24.** Why did Christ die for us? What does it mean to die to sins and live for righteousness? How do you need to grow in dying to sin and living for righteousness?
8. **Read 1 John 2:3-6.** How can we tell if we are saved? What does it mean if a man calls himself a Christian but is not keeping God's commands and walking like Christ?

The Last Word: Jesus died not only to save us from sin, but to save us for Himself.