

# From Depraved to Saved

## Titus 3:3-7

Verse 3 transitions us from last week

Our sinfulness **robs and hurts others and offends God**

We deserve God's wrath, **but He gives us kindness instead**

### What?

**In His kindness, God takes depraved people and makes them His saved people**

He saved us—

**“Paul, when did God save us?” (verse 4)**

God's goodness refers to **all the good things included in salvation that He wants us to have**

His kindness here is **His specific action of giving that goodness to us** when we really deserved His wrath

God is our Saviour because He gave us Jesus to save us

**“Paul, what did God do to save us?” (verse 5a)**

We **can't be right with God by anything we do**

God makes us right in His merciful way, giving **us kindness**

**“Paul, how does God save us?” (verse 5b)**

Regeneration means **being born again**, having the past with all its filth washed away spiritually

That makes it **possible for the Holy Spirit to live in us**

Then He **begins the process of renovation**, in our lives

**“Paul, who saves us?” (verse 6)**

We receive all of this **through Jesus Christ, our Saviour**  
**Jesus took God's wrath for us** when He died on the cross

**“Paul, why did God save us?” (verse 7)**

Justified means being **made right with God**; **grace** means everything described in these verses that God gives us

Our inheritance is to **live in eternity with God and Jesus**

Connection with Jesus—

Nicodemus was seeking to know the truth

*John 3:5-7, NIV— “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”*

In order to live spiritually, and eternally, there **has to be a second birth, a rebirth** into God's family and kingdom

**The Big Question—Who can be born again? (verse 8)**

Paul's answer is—**“those who have believed in God”**

That means **believing in your heart that He died to take the penalty for your sin**; it means **believing God raised Him back to life and naming Him as your Lord, to follow and serve Him**

### So What?

If you believe Jesus died and rose again for you, and you're willing to name Him as your Lord, **call on Him to save you**

If you have already received God's kind gift of salvation, keep on **letting the Spirit do His work of renovation in you**

The last word—Paul (today's last word is next week's first word)

*Ephesians 2:7, NLT—God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.*

What a great arrangement—**we get the kindness and He gets all the credit**

### Now What?

Call on Jesus for salvation today

**“Lord, search me for areas that need renovation”**