

**“Cultural Commission for the Redeemed”**  
**Titus 3:1-2**

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***SERMON OUTLINE***

**Remember your social duty: “Do Good”**

1. Defer to your leaders (3:1)  
(see also Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17)
  
2. Deal gently with your neighbors (3:1-2)  
(see also Hebrews 4:14-5:2; Matthew 11:28-30; Ephesians 4:1-3; Colossians 3:12-17; 2 Timothy 2:25-26)

### **Community Group Study Questions**

We're going to follow the general COMA method of studying the Bible, with adaptation to our text, Titus 3:1-2. The COMA method comes from Pastor David Helm in the book *One-to-One Bible Reading*.

#### **Introduction**

*What are the many ways that you see people responding to the civil authorities? What about Christians?*

*What are the many ways that you see people relating to their neighbors? What about Christians?*

*What beliefs about submission have you heard with regard to civil leaders? What questions do you have?*

#### **Context**

*The Scripture has more to say about the themes in Titus 3:1-2. Here are just a few texts to familiarize yourself with. Spend each day this week studying a different text:*

Monday: Romans 13:1-7

Tuesday: 1 Peter 2:13-25

Wednesday: Hebrews 4:14-5:2; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Ephesians 4:1-3

Friday: Colossians 3:12-17

Saturday: 2 Timothy 2:25-26

*What clues do these verses of Paul's letter to Titus provide about Paul himself? About the person of Titus and the situation in Crete?*

*What was the main point of the passage before Titus 3:1-2, in 2:1-15? What about after, in 3:3-8?*

#### **Observation**

*How does the text break down into sections? What are the key connecting words (e.g. for, therefore, but, because, so that, that, etc.) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?*

*Are there any surprises in the flow of the argument (like: )?*

*What ideas/themes are repeated elsewhere in this letter?*

*What are the key words and/or themes?*

## **Meaning**

*What does it mean “to be in submission”? If you need help, consider the many passages that speak of this idea across many types of relationships - (1) Submission of all things to Christ (Psalm 2:8; 110:1; Eph 1:22; 5:24; Heb 2:5, 8; 1 Cor 15:27-28; 1 Pet 3:22) (2) Submission of Christ to God (1 Cor 15:24-28) (3) Submission to God (James 4:7; Rom 8:7; 10:3) (4) Submission to parents (Lk 2:51; Heb 12:9) (5) Submission to government authority (Rom 13:1-7; 1 Pet 2:13-17); (6) Submission of slaves to masters (1 Pet 2:18; Titus 2:9; 1 Tim 6:1-2); (7) Young to elders (1 Peter 5:5); (8) Submission of Christians to one another (Eph 5:21) (9) Wives to husbands (Col 3:18; Eph 5:22-24; 1 Peter 3:1-6; Titus 2:5)*

*What does it mean “to speak evil of no one”? See also Matt 27:39-44; James 2:6-7; 1 Pet 4:3-4; Rom 3:8; 14:16; 1 Cor 4:13; 10:30*

*What does it mean, “to avoid quarreling”? See also 2 Peter 2:12; James 4:1-3; Titus 3:9; 2 Tim 2:22-26*

*What does it mean, “to show perfect courtesy to all people”? See also 2 Cor 10:1; Gal 5:22-23; 6:1; Eph 4:2; Col 3:12; 2 Tim 2:25; James 3:13; 1 Peter 3:16; Mt 5:5*

*How does this text relate to other parts of the letter to Titus?*

*How does this passage link to Jesus? What do we learn about God?*

*What does the passage teach us about God’s people and life in this world?*

*How would you summarize the main point in one sentence? What supporting points does the author make?*

## **Application**

*How does Titus 3:1-2 confirm or challenge your beliefs, desires and actions?*

*Which of the 7 exhortations in these verses would you like the Spirit’s help to change how you live?*