



June 17

Opening Up:

- In honor of dad's, tell a good dad joke.
- If you could be guaranteed safety, what risk would you take?

Reference: Titus 3:1-8

Discuss:

1. What impacted you from the sermon this weekend?
2. Every good dad wants to say, "everything is going to be alright." Jesus is the only one who can fulfill this promise. How does the promise of Jesus to make everything new affect your risk taking in faith? (Rev. 21:5) How should it affect your risk taking in faith?
3. In Titus 3:4 the text says that God saved us because of his loving kindness, that is, is philanthropic love. How have you experienced God's love for you in the past few weeks?
4. How has God's love for you inspired your love for humanity, your philanthropy?
5. In Titus 3:5 Paul makes it clear how we are not saved. We are not saved by our righteous deeds.
 1. How has receiving God's unmerited favor been hard to accept for you?
 2. How do feelings of entitlement and deservedness fight against the teaching of salvation by grace alone?
 3. In what ways do you personally feel pulled toward entitlement thinking by the culture we live in?
6. In 3:1 and 3:8 we are taught to practice good works. What good works have you been inspired to do because of God's grace for you?
7. What good works do you think the church should be known for in our community?
8. We are called, as grace receiving people, to be good and obedient citizens in 3:1. In Acts 5:29 the Apostles act in civil disobedience in obedience to God. How have you wrestled with the role of the gospel in your life as it relates to your civic duty?
9. In Titus 3:3 we are told that an unregenerate life looks like someone passing the days in malice and envy. How do we practice the humility in our political discourse mentioned in verse 2 and avoid the malice and envy of verse 3?
10. Pray