



We Might Become Heirs

Titus 3:1-7



(3) We were...

- **Foolish** - *living as if there is no God (Ps. 14:1)*
- **Disobedient**
- **Led astray** - *deceived*
- **Slaves to self** - *when we thought we were free! (Rom. 6:20)*
- **In a state of constant conflict with others**
- **We are reminded (1-2) and should remember**
 - *show mercy... like God has shown us mercy*

(4) But when...

- **The goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared**
 - When were enemies (Rom. 5:10)
- **Our Savior appeared (6)**
 - *“grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (Jn. 1:17)*
 - *“the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:15)*
- **God’s grace appeared (2:11-13)**
 - Bringing salvation to all people
 - Teaching us to renounce ungodliness, live godly lives and wait for our hope...
 - The second appearing of our Savior

(5-6) He saved us...

- **“from”** - to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment
- **“to”** - to make one a partaker of the salvation by Christ
 - “Since salvation begins in this life (in deliverance from error and corrupt notions, in moral purity, in pardon of sin, and in the blessed peace of a soul reconciled to God), but on the visible return of Christ from heaven will be perfected... is spoken of in some passages as a present possession, in others as a good yet future: — as a blessing beginning (or begun) on earth” — Thayer
- **God has saved us, is saving us, and will save us eternally!**
- **I have been saved, I am saved, and I will be saved eternally!**

(5-6) He saved us...

- **Not because of our righteous works**
 - not by saving works - *we have nothing to boast about* (Rom. 4:2)
 - but works of faith - *our response to God's goodness and lovingkindness* (Col. 2:12)
- **But in keeping with His mercy...**
 - by baptism - *"the washing of regeneration"* (Rom. 6:4) and...
 - the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38) - the Spirit's revealing, enabling and transforming power
 - *"unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."* (Jn. 3:5)
 - *"that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word"*
(Eph. 5:26)
- ... **through Jesus Christ our Savior**

(7) So that...

- **Justified** - *cleared of all charges*
- **By His grace** - *all the things God did, does, will do for us through Christ*
- **HEIRS** - *adopted children with expectations of an inheritance*
- **Hope** - *confident expectation of...*
- **Eternal life (1:2)**

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