

JESUS works

Titus 3:9-15

Paul's Letter to Titus

Emphasis: The JESUS SEED always produces GOSPEL FRUIT and this looks and feels like working hard at pulling people in, treating them as family, and receiving them as they are.

Outline - Author's Structure:

- I. Our Challenge (vv. 9-11 "But avoid")
 - A. Avoid deviant teaching (v. 9)
 - B. Avoid divisive teachers (vv. 10, 11)
- II. Our Calling (vv. 12-14 "Devote themselves to good works")
 - A. Do your best (vv. 12, 13)
 - B. Devote yourself (v. 14)
- III. Our Comfort (v. 15 "Greet, love, faith, grace")
 - A. Greet
 - B. Love
 - C. Grace

Does It Really Matter?

1. You and I as a believing community must guard against deviating from the MAIN THING or dividing over secondary matters.
2. You and I as a believing community must work hard at pulling people in, treating them as family, and receiving them as they are. This is the GOSPEL FRUIT produced from the JESUS SEED.
3. This deficiency in Crete was pulling the church apart. By calling the church back to the gospel, they would move from chaos to cosmos.
4. We must remember the corrective to dysfunction is not good work, but the gospel. Why? Because the gospel intrinsically causes the good work.

