

**MAINTAINING THE RIGHT, REJECTING THE WRONG**  
(Titus 3:8-11) pt 2

**II. The Introduction & Greeting (1:1-4)**

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**III. Specific Instruction to God's Saints Within the Churches (2:1-15)**

**IV. Further Instruction to Live as Good Citizens before the World (3:1-11)**

**D. Remind Believers What They Have Already Been Taught As Christians (3:1-2)**

**E. Remind Them of the Reasons For Being Good Citizens (3:3-7)**

**F. Remind Them To Maintain the \_\_\_\_\_ Things & Reject the \_\_\_\_\_ Things In Life (3:8-11)**

3. Remind them about faithful right things (3:8a)... *"This is a faithful saying..."*

4. Remind them of "being careful as a believer in Christ to maintain a life of \_\_\_\_\_" "

Mathew 5:13-16

5. Remind them that faith is \_\_\_\_\_ by a life of good works (James 2:14-26)

a. **James proposition:** 2:14—"Faith in God devoid of good works is \_\_\_\_\_!"

- What is the context of James 2:14?
- Who is James talking to here? (2:14)
- In what tense of salvation are good works to show themselves? (Ephesians 2:8-10)
- Do James & Paul contradict one another theologically?
- Paul sets forth salvation by grace through \_\_\_\_\_ alone in Christ alone before \_\_\_\_\_, while James speaks of salvation by our \_\_\_\_\_, but this salvation by works is to be seen or demonstrated before our \_\_\_\_\_, for his \_\_\_\_\_, not God's—this is consistent with Titus 3:8
  - b. **James illustration of useless faith** – (2:15-16)
  - c. **James application of useless faith** - 2:17—faith by itself is of no \_\_\_\_\_ to our fellow man.
- What does the word "dead" mean here? (2:17)
  - d. **James man from Missouri** (2:18)—"Show me your faith w/o your works"
- James man from Missouri says, "I will show you my faith by my good works" & this is biblical! (1:22-27; 3:13; Philippians 2:12-15; Titus 2:7, 11-14)
- **James illustration of what he has been saying:** \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ the harlot! (2:21-26)

6. Paul in Titus is reminding us to **maintain** the right attitude or perspective in life via **good works**, but these works must be done out of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ & not out of \_\_\_\_\_ to Him! (Revelation 2:1-7)

• **Ephesus**: The Church with the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-7)

1. The **Church & City** ... was at \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1)

2. The **Critic** is ... \_\_\_\_\_ and He says to the messenger... "I \_\_\_\_\_" .... all about you! (2:2)

\* What do we see about the Critic here? (2:1)

3. The **Commendations** of Christ given this church include:

4. The **Criticism** leveled... "I have this \_\_\_\_\_ you... you have \_\_\_\_\_ your first love!"

- Who does their "*first love*" refer to?
- What happens when we lose our first love?

5. The **Correction** needed:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ therefore, from where you have fallen—this calls for a recollection of past \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ & an evaluation of present \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ —have a decisive change of mind—you have been doing your own thing for how long?

c. \_\_\_\_\_ ... " \_\_\_\_\_ the first works"

- What are these "first works"? (John 15:7)
- What do these admonitions appeal to?
- Do you really need to take heed to this command? (2:5b)

6. The **Closing Encouragement** we need to heed: (2:7)