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Too Good to be True?

Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



1. Why is the gospel good news? 2. When is it not good news?

"A man will be justified by faith when, excluded from righteousness of works, he by faith lays hold of the righteousness of Christ, and clothed in it appears in the sight of God not as a sinner, but as righteous." – John Calvin

"So then, have we nothing to do to obtain this righteousness? No, nothing at all. For this righteousness comes by doing nothing, hearing nothing, knowing nothing, but rather in knowing and believing this only....that Christ has gone to the right hand of the Father, not to become our judge but to become for us our wisdom, our righteousness, our holiness, our salvation Now God sees no sin in us, for in this heavenly righteousness sin has no place." – Martin Luther

1. Why is the gospel good news?

2. When is it not good news?

3. Why does it matter?

"Between his first coming to win us and his last coming to restore us, we live by faith in him. When we believe and rely on Jesus' work and record (rather than ours) for our relationship to God, his healing kingdom power comes upon us and begins to work through us. Christ gives us a radically new identity, freeing us from both self-righteousness and selfcondemnation. This liberates us to accept people we once excluded, and to break the bondage of things (even good things) that once drove us."— Tim Keller