

How to prepare the church for good works

TITUS 3

- 1) We are saved to do good works (vs 1-3)
- 2) We are NOT saved by good works (vs 4-7)
- 3) Good works are costly (vs 8-15)

change our lives. Today we'll look at that in the message.

But we all need to be challenged by the fact that somewhere in our past we were exposed to the Gospel by somebody who had already received the gift of salvation. Paul tells us in Romans that all who call on the Lord will be saved and then he goes on to pose this question:

¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?^[c] And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

What are we doing personally to share the Gospel and how do we support Gospel ministries?

Peter Riley

THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Goal = \$25,000 – an investment in the future

Here are the details for Direct Giving:

Reference: "Playground"

Account Name: St James Menangle

BSB: 032717 Account No: 330476

Diary dates:

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| 9 Jul | Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm |
| 25 Jul | Wednesday Prayer Night 7.30pm |
| 5 Aug | Soup Sunday lunch at the Rectory |

New Website

The diocese has been hosting our website but this arrangement is soon to be discontinued. The new website is finished [suggestions welcome] and can be viewed at:
www.menangleanglican.com.au

Prayer for 3rd Sunday after Trinity:

Graciously hear us, Lord God; and grant that we, to whom you have given the desire to pray, may by your mighty aid be defended and strengthened in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer Requests:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Todd Alcock, Colleen Burge; Daryl Chipperfield, Merv Filby, John [Barb's son-in-law], Leandra Negrini, Celeste [Merle's daughter], Ernie & Jean Siddall, Matthew Wood.

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Offertory		Target	Actual	
2018	Last Week	\$2,740	\$1,756	64%
	Year to date	\$63,020	\$56,951	90%
2018	Mission (last week)	\$141		
	Mission (year to date)	\$5,212		
Other missions giving 2018:		Barnabas Fund = \$340 BCA = \$380 Samaritan's Purse = \$91.85		
Bank details for Direct Debit giving:				



Geoff and Robyn

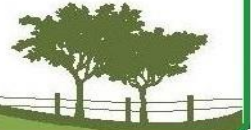


Michael Duckett



Craig and Red Fulton

God so loved the world that he gave...
God so loved the world that he forgave...



17th June 2018

Brothers and sisters,

Saturday was our Granddaughter's first birthday. We had a family lunch and she received presents. Of course, as a 1 year old she was a little bewildered by the gifts but by the time she's 4 or 5 she'll be hanging out for the presents. I'm a little over 60 and I still love to receive presents. I think we all do. There's nothing quite like a gift and there's something special about receiving a gift just because. No birthday, Christmas, anniversary, etc. Receiving a gift from somebody just because they care for you is a really special experience.

Today we are studying Titus 3 and in the middle of it we are reminded of the greatest gift we have all received; Salvation. Sins forgiven, eternal life and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit making us more like Jesus every day. That is something we should never tire of thanking God for.

The best part is that we did nothing to earn it. You think about most other gifts and we get them because we are somebody's sister, brother, husband, wife, parent, child, friend, etc. There is a reason why people give gifts. Not God – he gave us the gift of salvation for one reason. He is merciful. His gift says nothing about us and everything about God. Paul tells Titus in chapter 3:5

“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,”

What a liberating truth. We are saved by God's mercy alone. There is nothing we can do to merit God's mercy. It's a gift.

Paul goes on to say a little more about how receiving this gift should