

“The Necessity of Communion”

Titus 3:3-8

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I. The Problem:

- A. Our lives tend to be a roller coaster ride.
- B. Our lives tend to be consumed with the temporal things of this world.
- C. Our spiritual lives tend to go up and down based on our performance as Christians.

II. The Solution: The Gospel

The Gospel is what we celebrate each time we partake of communion.

“The key to joy, to growth, to passion isn’t hiding from you. It’s right before your eyes. It’s the gospel.”

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“If there’s anything in life that we should be passionate about, it’s the gospel. And I don’t mean passionate only about sharing it with others. I mean passionate in thinking about it, dwelling on it, rejoicing in it, allowing it to color the way we look at the world. Only one thing can be of first importance to each of us. And only the gospel ought to be.”

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III. As we partake of communion, we are:

- A. Pausing to remember our lives before Christ (verse 3).
- B. Celebrating the love and kindness that appeared in our Savior, Christ (verse 4).
- C. Celebrating our salvation rooted in God's mercy (verse 5).
- D. Celebrating we have been saved through a spiritual rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit (verse 5).
- E. Celebrating being justified—declared righteous (verse 7).
- F. Celebrating being heirs of God (verse 7).
- G. Celebrating living with the hope and confidence of eternal life (verse 7).