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SERMON DATE: 05/10/2026 | Titus 3:3-7

WARM-UP QUESTION:

When you hear a story about someone who has “completely changed,” what makes you believe that change is real—and not just superficial?

PRAY TOGETHER

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION:

Read TITUS 3:3-7 aloud

Q1: Paul begins by describing our shared “before” condition (v.3). What words or phrases stand out to you most—and why?

Q2: How does it change the way you look at those who are not following Jesus to understand that they are “led astray” and “slaves” on a spiritual level?

Q3: Why is it difficult for people to honestly acknowledge their “before” condition? What keeps us from seeing ourselves clearly?

Q4: How can facing the reality of our “before” condition be a gift rather than something to avoid?

Q5: Verse 5 says God saved us “*not because of works done by us in righteousness.*” Why is acknowledging that we cannot save ourselves a freeing thing?

Q6: The passage describes salvation as the “washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.” What do those images communicate about the **kind** of change God brings?

Q7: The sermon emphasized that we cannot make ourselves new—but God can. Where do you see people (including yourself) still trying to “fix” or reinvent themselves apart from God?

Q8: Paul describes the “after” condition as being *justified*. What does it mean to you personally to be “made right in God’s sight” (justified)?

Q9: The message asks directly: “Have you been washed by the Spirit of God? (regenerated and renewed)” Share how God worked that decisive change in your life.

Q10: If God’s role is to make us new and our role is to trust Him, that’s a process that never ends. What might it look like for you to take a step of deeper trust in Jesus this week?

Pray together for your group: that each person would clearly see their “before” and God’s gracious “after,” and respond with ongoing, humble trust in Jesus. Pray for confidence in God’s power to truly make people new—and for courage to live in that new identity.