

Growing as the church family
Titus 2.1-8

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MAIN IDEA: When the truth of the gospel is understood and received, it changes daily life

SUPPORTING IDEAS:

Gospel is TRUTH TO BE TAUGHT – truth to be learned

knowledge of the truth, 1.1; trustworthy message & sound doctrine, 1.9 & 2.1

gospel is about Who Jesus is, what He has done; what we can have in Him – truth to be taught
But the good news is MORE THAN INFORMATION

Gospel is TRUTH TO BE LIVED – *knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness* (1:1 & here 2.1)

“sound” (v.1,2 & 8) not merely accurate

The life of someone who believes in Jesus, SHOULD LOOK DIFFERENT

When the gospel is taught and received, lives are changed

- Changes outlook – start to see what He sees
- Takes away fear – I’m never alone
- Shifts priorities – what used to matter, looks different now
- Deepens reserves – can wait, knowing He has more coming

Life driven by the gospel (not just actions, but attitudes, character, priorities, desires, thinking)

The life empowered by Gospel is not natural (1.12). Life in Christ must be learned
different seasons: older / younger; women/men – new ways to grow all through life

GOSPEL LIFE IS best TAUGHT BY EXAMPLE, v.7 - **“shown”** not merely spoken

1. Titus’ example, v.7

2. Older teaching younger – life lived well has a ripple effect - power for others

3. believer [influencing] non believers or at least, taking away objections, v.5 & 8
people may not ever admit it, but they’ve caught a glimpse of Jesus

GOSPEL LIFE IS best TAUGHT IN LOVING RELATIONSHIP

in our families

in the family of God - when wounds have been suffered, healing can come

CONCLUSION / APPLICATION:

The gospel is truth to be understood and believed. But why is mere assent to truth not enough? What do these verses show about the daily power of the gospel?

Think Back – whose example has helped you grow in following Christ? What did they do that helped?

Which categories here would you place yourself? Of the qualities on your ‘list’, where have you seen the most change? Where do you still struggle? Who do you look up to that might be a mentor in some way?

How we live has influence on others. Who is in your sphere of influence, both believers and nonbelievers; whether formally or more casually?