

# Better Together

Titus 2:15-3:7

## What is involved in becoming better together?

### Agreeing upon...

The importance of mentoring 2:1-8

The sufficiency of grace 2:11-14

### The legitimacy of Authority. Romans 13:1-7

Accept the reality of God-ordained authority!

For each sphere of life, God has established legitimate authorities who have the right and the responsibility to rule.

God's authorities do not have to justify their authority but they are to limit their authority to their ordained spheres.

God's authorities are meant to use their power to protect and correct people to fulfill God's purposes. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Respect the position of authority not necessarily the people!

### The magnificence of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

He saved us from the \_\_\_\_\_ in ourselves.

He saved us through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.

He saved us through the righteousness of the \_\_\_\_\_.

He saved us for the glory of the new \_\_\_\_\_.

## Life Group Notes

**Getting Started:** Who can you pray for as we get ready to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ this week? Take a moment and lift them up to the Lord!

There is an old saying: “do not let the perfect become the enemy of the good.” What do you think this saying is trying to get across? Do you think this saying describes some of the problems people have with authority in our lives today? Do you think there is something else that better explains our problems with authority?

**Reviewing the Sermon: Read Titus 2:15-3:7. Review the Sermon Outline together**

What stood out to you in the sermon?

How would you put into your own words what Paul is saying about the work of the Holy Spirit in a Christian’s life in verse 3:5?

Give some examples for each category below from what you know of the Bible and through your own experience. How does God show that...

God knows best!

God wants what is best!

God gives His very Best!

**Digging Deeper:** What do these verses reveal about God’s magnificent love?

John 3:16

Romans 5:8

1 John 3:1

Zephaniah 3:17

Hebrews 12:5-7

**Bringing It Home:** Is there anything in your life experience that makes it hard to celebrate the magnificence of God’s love? What would you need to be able to look at the hardships of your life through the lens of God’s love?

## THE GLORIOUS MORNING: EASTER SUNDAY

“The angel said, ‘He is not here; He has risen.’” Matthew 28:6

The brightest dawn that ever broke was on the first Easter morning. Mary Magdalene and other women were on their way to the sepulcher to anoint the body of Jesus. As they approached, an earthquake occurred. An angel came down from heaven, rolled back the stone from the sepulcher, and sat upon it. Jesus had already risen from the dead and departed the tomb’s confinement; the angel came to announce that wondrous event, to display the evidence of it, the empty tomb.

Having heard the angel’s announcement, and having seen where the body of Jesus had lain, the two women were filled with great joy. On their way to share their news with disciples, they experienced an even greater joy. They met the risen Jesus face-to-face and did the only appropriate thing, they worship him.

Indeed, that was the glorious morning when the results of God’s mighty act of redemption in Jesus Christ were evident. He died and He rose. Now life and hope are offered to all who will believe.

Meanwhile, according to the old calendar, the Christians of the Middle East celebrate Easter Sunday after the following week and call it “Red Sunday.”

One interesting tradition arose from the Easter story. According to the legend, Mary (mother of Christ) filled a basket with eggs and took them to the soldiers stationed at the foot of the cross, there she left them after a while the blood of the Lord flowed down and stained the eggs. Also, Mary Magdalene took a basket of eggs to the sepulcher, intending to eat them while she anointed the body of Christ. But almost as soon as she arrived at the tomb, the eggs were miraculously changed, their shells painted with brilliant colors.

Today, Christians around the world celebrate Easter in many different ways, many dye eggs in bright colors. And the egg symbol of fertility and new life has long been a part of the Easter celebration.

However, there are many customs in many lands, but whatever the custom, and whatever the date, the enduring meaning of Easter is about the RISEN CHRIST.

-Rosalin Sarkissian

## WEEKLY PRAYER LIST - APRIL 14, 2019

Heavenly Father, I give You praise for You are holy. Thank You that we can show love by praying for one another. "This is the message (we) have heard from the beginning: We should love one another." (1 John 3:11)

I am grateful for my church family and ask You to bless the lives of Jeff & Margaret Bernard, Lois Bezanson, Rob & Debi Boyer, David & Kellie Brown, Jim & Lisa Brugger, and Todd & Emily Buford.

Please bless those celebrating birthdays this week: Jose Chavez Jr., Lisa Vargas (4/15), and Jill McGinnis (4/19). Please bless Dennis & Kathy Lafaver as they celebrate their anniversary on 4/14.

I pray for the Mexico mission team as they prepare for the trip April 22-27.

I pray for Deloris Mirko who is in at Turlock Nursing & Rehab Center.

I lift up Kat McGinnis and family as her mom, MaryEllen Ellis, passed away.

Please help Luke Robinson and Faith Robinson find jobs in the Phoenix and LA areas after they graduate from college in the next month.

I pray for Nereida Gonzalez and her mother who fell and broke her wrist last week and is dealing with other health problems.

I praise You that Annie Atkinson's mom is recovering well from her injury/surgery.

I lift up the Murillo family as their 2 girls continue to recover from their injuries.

I pray for those with cancer: Wendy Montgomery, Raymond Borba (friends of Pikes), Cecilio Mendez (Symphony Reedy's uncle), Scott Stone (Lisa Barkman's brother), Marianne Magaña (Pastor Jose's daughter), Gladys Schroer (Jeff Schroer's mom), Bob Sousa, Robert Mizerak (Josh Mizerak's dad), Theresa Felipe (Barbara Beardasley's cousin), and Esteban Andre (son of Tiffany Pike's friend).

Please bless the pregnancies of Cynthia (due in May), Theresa Fast (due in July), Mercedes DePonte (due in July), and Graciela Cacho (due in August).

I lift up this week's Calvary kids in Jr. High & High School: Avery & Bonnie Hayes, Andrew Lucke, Riley McCord, Julie & Kellie McGinnis, Mark Mejia, Ella Petersen, Ethan Robinson, Ashley & Jessica Trujillo, Roger Vargas, Jose Villa, Erin Walker, and Brady Wylie.

I pray for Josh McGinnis to finish well this semester of college and that he will be able to balance everything going on in life.

Thank You for Calvary's partnership with ministries and missionaries in our area, the US and around the world. Please bless Bruce & Liz Leary as they minister to inmates through Kairos Prison Ministry.

I pray for the health and encouragement of shut-ins Ines Walker and Betty Wells. I also lift up any caregivers they have and ask You would bless their lives.

Please protect and encourage Andrew Sweeten as he serves in the Air Force.

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done, Lord. Amen.