

A Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Reading: [Titus 3:3-8](#)

Introduction:

Song: "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place"

And I know that it's the Spirit Of the Lord!

There are sweet expressions on each face.

And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Jesus had a honey sweet spirit and people were attracted.

- Intellectuals

[John 3:1](#)

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

- The Rich

[Mark 10:21](#)

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack:

Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

- The Poor, Hungry, Sick

[Matthew 4:24](#)

Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

- Jesus loved them all.

We, too, must have the sweet, sweet spirit of Jesus. We will have it. . .

1. When We Realize What We Were.

[Titus 3:3](#) For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

[1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#) Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of

God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- It reminds us that those who are still such need the same help we received
- It reminds us that we must be patient with them as God has been patient with us.
- It reminds us that God loves us whatever we have done, but has something better for us.

We Cannot Dwell On The Past, But We Must Not Forget It

2. When We Realize What God Did

[Titus 3:4-7](#) But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

- He washed us.

[Acts 22:16](#)

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

- He saved us through the washing

[Mark 16:16](#)

He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

- He gave us His Holy Spirit

[Acts 2:38](#)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

[Ephesians 1:13-14](#) you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

- He justified us

- He gave us Eternal Life.

3. When We Realize What We Are

[Titus 3:8](#)

This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

- We are believers

- What we are determines what we do!

[Romans 6:17-18](#)

But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

- "These things are good and profitable to men."

[Matthew 5:16](#)

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.