"CHRISTIAN OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES Titus 3:1-2"

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>: Every citizen of any country has certain obligations that they are required to fulfill. These vary from country to country. The kingdom of God is no exception. We have obligations and duties to discharge.

The duty of a Christian is to live a <u>virtuous life</u>. After all the main purpose of Christian living is to move oneself closer to God and to prepare for the life of the world to come. Ecclesiastes 12:13, John 13:34

- I. (Verse 1) GOD WANTS US TO BE GOOD CITIZENS.
- A. We must be in subjection to government. Romans 13:1, 1 Peter 2:17
- B. Even bad rulers deserve respect for their office sake. Acts 23:5
- C. There is only one modifying principle that doesn't give us the right to disobey any law we simply don't like. Acts 5:29
- II. WE ARE TO BE READY "FOR EVERY GOOD WORK."

(Verse 1b) This can sum up our whole mission. Matthew 5:16, Ephesians 2:10

- B. There must be a "pattern" of good works in our lives. Titus 2:7, Ephesians 2:10
- 2. A person who is busy in good works has no time for fighting and fussing. 1 Corinthians 5:1
- III. WE ARE TO BE CAREFUL WHAT WE SAY (Verse 2).
- A. Our tongues can hurt others and ourselves if we are not careful. James 3:5-6
- B. The tongue causes strife! James 3:14-16
- C. We are to put away such sins. 1 Peter 2:1

We should also be careful about what we say even when it is true. Proverbs 18:21

IV. WE MUST BE PEACEABLE. (Verse 2).

Strife and contention are easily to spread. <u>Proverbs 17:14, Proverbs 20:19, Ephesians 4:29</u>
We should strive to make peace and life at peace ourselves. <u>Matthew 5:9, 1Thessalonians 5:13, Romans 12:18</u>

- V. WE MUST SHOW A SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS AND HUMBLE TO ALL. (Verse 2)
- A. Gentleness; Opposite to being a contentious man. Philippians 4:5
- B. Meekness; Being willing to sacrifice self-interest. Strength under control
- 3. How was Jesus meek? 1 Peter 2:23