

## "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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Titus three begins with a summary of what Paul had written to Timothy about his submission to those in authority in the secular world as well as those who were Elders in the local assembly of the Lord Jesus. Titus was to admonish and continue to instruct all in the church body to walk in a way that is pleasing to God so that no one could speak evil of them. The followers of Jesus, and especially those who are in authority do not need to be known as those who are rude, unkind, or who are constantly speaking evil or speaking badly about others. It is simply unbecoming. Paul reminds Titus to instruct the people to remember where they had come from and that they were once themselves disobedient toward God. But because of God's goodness and mercy, they had come to know Jesus as Lord and Master. They had been redeemed and washed through the process of regeneration. Regeneration is a fascinating concept. Notice the Apostle reminds Titus that the salvation we have and the reason we are not like we used to be, walking in an attitude and a lifestyle of disobedience is not because of some kind of good works that we have done. But according to kindness and pure mercy of God, we are born from above with a supernatural birth into God's forever family. God is the only one who can take a life that has been wasted

and ruined and make it brand new! God is the only one who can truly change the heart. Notice below the word picture that is given by the word translated "regeneration."

**Regeneration** is the Greek word, *paliggenesía* Pronounced (*pal-ing-ghen-es-ee'-ah*) (from/ **pálin**, "**again**" and **génesis**, "**birth, beginning**") – properly, the coming of new birth because "born again", *regeneration*.

*paliggenesía* ("renewal, rebirth") **is used twice in the NT referring to:** 1), The re-birth of **physical creation** at Messiah's return to earth, which inaugurates His millennial kingdom (Mt 19:28; cf. Ro 8:18-25); and 2). The re-birth, being born from above that all believers experience the moment they are saved by God's grace (Tit 3:5).

Finally, Paul gives final instruction not to get sidetracked and detoured by "**heretic**", this comes from a word meaning to cause division. *Heresy for example is "deviation from truth."* A heretic is a divisive person who is set on getting people on their side by insinuation, half-truth, and by superimposing their personal opinion over that of the truth as revealed in the Bible.

### Prayer and Action Steps

***Thank you, Lord, for giving me a new heart, a new thought process, a new desire, a new destiny.***

***Thank you, Lord, for saving me and making me Brand New!***

***Amen***