Dear Open Door Family,

It is hard to believe that Spring is here. I Love Spring almost as much as the Fall. I enjoy seeing the buds become flowers and leaves. I love seeing the color. It is amazing that God has given us all of this beauty to enjoy and people routinely drive or walk by amazing displays of God's creative genius and never even notice. Maybe it is something they take for granted. Perhaps it just does not impress them. As Christians it is easy for us to take the sacrifice of Jesus and the purpose for which He saved us for granted as well. Let's look at Titus together today.

Titus 2:11-14 *(ESV) For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are ZEALOUS for good works.*

"...we are saved for good works, not by good works. And the aim of Christ is not the mere ability to do them, but the PASSION to do them. ...Christ did not die to make good works merely possible or to produce a half-hearted pursuit. He died to produce in us a passion for good deeds. Christian purity is not the mere avoidance of evil but the pursuit of good. ...God is shown to be glorious by the good deeds of Christians. For that glory Christ suffered and died. ...It is the best life, no matter what it costs us in this world: They get help, we get joy, God gets glory." (Fifty Reasons Jesus Came to Die - Piper pg. 91)

PRAYER: Lord, may I serve you with whole-hearted Passion. No matter where you lead me; no matter what you ask me to do. May I be zealous to enhance Your reputation; may I experience joy in the pursuit and may You receive ALL the glory.

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