

# The Life Challenge

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

## Sermon Series: It Is Finished

**Title:** The Tipping Point

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**Text:** Colossians 1:13-14

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## Discussion

Being by reading Titus 3:1-7 aloud together.

- What does this passage teach us about salvation? What specifically, brings about our salvation? What does *not* bring about our salvation?
- What examples are given in regards to how our interaction with others should be impacted out of our understanding of how salvation is achieved?

Matt showed a video clip and talked about “gospel tipping.” This served as an example of how we might consider treating others NOT as they deserve (ie. leaving a good tip even when you get bad service). This can serve as a reminder to us, and an example to others of how God has treated us in providing for our salvation—even when we didn’t deserve it; “while we were still sinners.”

- Give an example of a time you feel you responded generously and graciously towards someone who had acted poorly towards you and probably didn’t deserve the response you gave.
- Who, in your life right now, do you feel challenged by in regards to living out this kind of graciousness and generosity in light of their poor behaviour towards you?

The common objection to the notion of “gospel tipping,” and other similar actions, goes something like this: “But won’t I just encourage and entrench bad behaviour if I treat others generously and graciously in spite of their negative actions?”

- How should a person navigate the perceived tension between treating people generously and graciously (treating people in a manner opposite to what their bad behaviour deserves) and not acting in a way that entrenches or reinforces bad behaviour? As much as you can, try to refer back to God’s attitude, actions, and posture towards us as a way to think through this.

Consider, and share with the group, what your “Next Step” might be in terms of living out the truth of salvation; in having the same attitude towards others as God has had towards you in saving you.