



## A Light for Your Path

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*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

—Titus 3:4-7

When I was a **student at Transylvania**, I borrowed a fraternity brother's car for a movie date. But **he did** not have collision insurance. On the way back to campus after the movie, I **was distracted**, and as I approached a light, I speeded up to make it through the intersection, but the light changed to red, and I slammed on brakes. The car behind me plowed into the rear of my friend's car. I remember promising God that I would do something for the church if He rectified my poor judgment. Of course, the other driver was charged for following too close, and his insurance was liable. I did not avoid the consequences of poor judgment by promising good works, but because of the law's grace. Jesus loves us. He suffered crucifixion to give us salvation by His grace; we cannot get it just by good works. That is the real Christmas gift: He was born to take our sins on Himself, saving us by His grace.

—Mac Harris