

The Kingdom of Give      **Living in Creative Goodness**

**TABITHA** - Acts 9:36-42

• **What do we do between our salvation and the second coming?** • We live as the Cooperative Friends of Jesus, living in creative goodness for the sake of others, through the power of the Holy Spirit." Todd Hunter

• **Tabitha was Doing Kind Things**

*"There was a disciple in Joppa named Tabitha. She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor."*

• Tabitha had resurrection life in her from the Holy Spirit. She lived it out and was changing the world she lived in by the kind things she did. It resulted in her being loved and mourned and experiencing resurrection. She is an example for us to get out of the ruts of our busy lives and be intentional to live in creative goodness

..as we go."

**-1- Proclaim the Kingdom of God, use words if necessary.**

**-2- Creative goodness** What am I made for? What do I like to do? What energizes me?

**-3- The church as a place of ideas and experimenting.**

• **Tabitha had a reward - She was loved on earth.**

*"The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing the coats and other garments that Tabitha had made for them."*

• She was greatly loved by the people around her (and the Lord) because of her kind heart and deeds and was greatly mourned when she died. She also had rewards in heaven.

**-1- Reward on earth.**

Goodness is its own reward.

**-2- Reward in heaven.** We can take some things with us. The record of good works. Well done, good and faithful servant. People are there because we helped them come to Christ.

**-3- She was raised from the dead in this life.**

• **Tabitha lived a YES life.**

She said yes to the opportunities to do good.

*"Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the YES of JESUS. In him, this is what we preach and pray, the great Amen, GOD'S YES and OUR YES TOGETHER, gloriously evident. God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his Yes within us. By his Spirit he has stamped us with his eternal pledge—a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete." 2 Corinthians 1:20 The Message*