



● The Compelling Prospect of
Grace

Titus 2:11-14

Sermon Series: Amazing Grace

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV)

- *“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”*

Introduction

- These verses demonstrate how that grace is with us in the past, the present, and the future:
- It **has appeared** to all men.
- It **appears now** for teaching.
- It **will appear again** in the return of Christ.

Introduction (cont'd)

- 1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV), *“By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain.”*

Grace Teaches Us

- Paul explains to Titus that the grace of God has appeared.
- The Greek word translated “appeared” gives us our modern word epiphany-a wonderful word.
- We use it in a secular way to describe a sudden and intense revelation of truth.

Grace Teaches Us (cont'd)

- Grace changes people as nothing else can do. It cleanses the sins of the past. It enables righteousness in the present. And one thing it does for certain: it constantly surprises us.
- For example, what does grace do in the present? It walks to the blackboard and begins to teach: *“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us”* (Titus 2:11-12 NKJV).

1. Grace Teaches Us to Renounce Sin

- *“Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts...”* – Titus 2:12
- The first lesson of grace is about denial. Grace wants us to move forward toward a new life, one of purity and righteousness.

Renouncing Sin (cont'd)

- Our word for denial comes from the Greek word for disown.
- To disown is to detach completely. It is to say, “I will not own any problem that begins to own me.”

2. Grace Teaches Us to Rule Self

- *“We should live soberly...”* –Titus 2:12
- In our new life in the Master’s house, we will want to deny “ungodliness and worldly lusts.” How then should we live? Soberly.
- A good translation of that word soberly would be “with self-control.”

Ruling Self (cont'd)

- Let's take a look at three situations calling for sober-mindedness:
- ***In anticipation of Christ's revelation.***
- 1 Peter 1:13 (NKJV), *"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ..."*

Ruling Self (cont'd)

- *In preparation for Satan's temptation.*
- 1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV), *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."*

Ruling Self (cont'd)

- *In evaluation of our place of fellowship.*
- Romans 12:3 (NKJV), *“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”*

3. Grace Teaches Us to Respect Others

- *“We should live...righteously...”* –Titus 2:12
- Grace, by its very essence, is unselfish.
- It follows Paul’s guidance in Philippians 2:3 to *“let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”*

Respecting Others (cont'd)

- When we live by grace, we see through the eyes of grace.
- Respect is the key that opens the door to any relationship.
- If you want to connect with someone hard to reach, take time to express words that demonstrate respect. If you want to end arguments quickly show respect.

4. Grace Teaches Us to Reverence God

- *“We should live [in a manner that is] godly in the present age...”-Titus 2:12*
- Paul has told us to **live soberly** (the inward life).
- He has told us to **live righteously** (the outward life).
- Now he tells us to **live in a way that is godly** (the upward life).

Reverencing God (cont'd)

- Every day, as we listen to His voice, as He convicts us of sin and encourages us toward service, as He brings out the fruit promised in Galatians 5:22-23.
- So, what is holding us back?

Reverencing God (cont'd)

- 1 Timothy 4:7-8 (NKJV), *“But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. ⁸ For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”*

5. Grace Teaches Us to Respond Diligently

- *“Zealous for good works...”*-Titus 2:14
- God’s grace always results in good works.
- God does the saving, and we do the serving.
That’s how it was meant to be.

Watching for the Blessed Hope

- *“Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.” –Titus 2:13*
- Through the eyes of heaven there is always hope. We realize our actions now can bear fruit years, generations, even centuries after our lives.

Invitation

- What one single habit in your life most needs to be captured by the grace of God?
- Is it overeating?
- Swearing?
- Lust?
- A short temper?
- Or something else entirely?

Invitation

- Determine to bring every thought and habit under *captivity* to Christ.
- *Confess* it to God in a specific prayer of repentance.
- *Claim* the victory from God on the basis of His great and precious promises.
- *Confide* this matter to a friend who will serve as your accountability partner.
- *Continue*, no matter what-don't give in or give up.