

Series "Order In The Church"
"The Source Of Godliness"
Titus 2:11-15
Study-5

What Is The Source Of Godliness?

Titus 2:11-12

Titus 1 – Godliness In The Church

Titus 2 – Godliness In The Individual And The Home

Thought Of Our Passage: God's Grace Brings Salvation, Producing Righteousness In Character That Longs For His Return And Is Zealous For Good Deeds.

1. Verse 11 – Grace That Rescues

2. Verses 12-13 – Grace That Requires

3. Verses 14-15 – Grace That Redeems

1. Verse 11 – Grace That Rescues:

Titus 2:11

"For" – "What Must Be Taught"; Titus 2:1 – Practice/Doctrine

Titus 2:9-10

"For the grace of God has appeared," – The word "grace": "God's lavish favor on undeserving sinners" or "God's grace is His active favor bestowing the greatest gift upon those who deserve the greatest punishment."

Ephesians 2:8-9

"has appeared," – This Greek word we get "epiphany"; "became visible, came to light, became clearly known."

His virgin birth was foretold by the prophets – Isaiah 7:14.

Isaiah 9:6

The location of His birth was foretold by the prophets – Micah 5:2.

His birth was announced by angels – Luke 2:10-11.

Jesus' life was filled with the miraculous. John's Gospel Contains "The Seven Signs Of Jesus." Jesus claimed to be God – John's Gospel contains "The Seven 'I AM' Statements Of Jesus."

Testimony Of The Apostles – Matthew 16:16-17

Romans 1:3-4

Saving Grace: "bringing salvation" – Acts 4:12

Sufficient Grace: "to all men," – or "for all men", 1 Timothy 2:4-6.

John 1:9

2. Verses 12-13 – Grace That Requires:

Titus 2:12

"instructing us" – The word "instructing" – "to train a child, to bring up a child, to educate, instruct to teach."

The Grace of God takes the believer back to school to carry on the training process! "instructing" – Greek Present Tense – means that it is a continuing process.

Hebrews 12:6

Grace Says No: "to deny" – or "renounced, the definite act of daily self-denial."

Grace Teaches Us To Say No To Ungodliness: (Actions) "ungodliness" – "want of reverence towards God, a life that is lived without God in opposition to His laws."

Grace Teaches Us To Say No To Worldly Desires: (Appetites) "and worldly desires" – "those cravings desires which are limited to and characterized by this world as estranged from God", 1 John 2:15-16.

"and to live" – the positive side is, we live – (Ambitions).

Grace Teaches Us To Say Yes To Living Sensibly: "and to live sensibly," – (soberly) "sober-minded, self-controlled"; A term that is mentioned 5X, Titus 1:8; 2:2,4,5,6, now here in verse 12.

Grace Teaches Us To Say Yes To Living Righteously: "to live righteously" – deals with our relationships with other people; "to live a life that God approves of; God's grace requires of us a life of truth and justice."

Grace Teaches Us To Say Yes To Living Godly: "and to live godly" – (Relationship to God) "devotion of the believer to God, proper attitude, living in communion and worship with God."

"in the present age," – or "in the now age."

Their Present Age: Titus 1:12-13

Titus 2:13

Grace Looks Foreword: "looking for the blessed hope" – literally "the hope that brings blessing."

1 John 3:2-3

"and the appearing of the glory" – Matthew 24:30.

2 Thessalonians 1:10

"of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus," – Jesus is called "great God and Savior."

3. Verses 14-15 – Grace That Redeems:

Titus 2:14

"who gave Himself for us to redeem us" – Note The Context:
In Titus 2:9-10, Paul wrote about slaves.

Jesus' Offering/Sacrifice Of Himself Was Necessary To Redeem Mankind:
"who gave Himself for us to redeem us"

Jesus Willingly Was The Offering/Sacrifice: "gave Himself" – John 10:18

Galatians 1:4-5

Romans 4:25

Jesus Was The Substitutionary Offering/Sacrifice: "for us" –
substitutionary, Mark 10:45.

1 Timothy 2:6

"to redeem us" – "to release upon receipt of a ransom"; to be brought out of slavery, of servitude through a ransom. "Redeem" – the process by which one pays for a prisoner's release. John 8:34

"from every lawless deed," – "contempt for and violation of God's law, the unsaved as a rebel against God", Psalm 130:8.

1 John 3:4

"and to purify" – "Sin not only makes us guilty but also dirty", Titus 3:5.

"a people for His own possession," – (KJV) Titus 2:14 – "a peculiar people,"

"for His own possession," – it means "one's private possession", Ephesians 1:13-14.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Titus 2:15

"These things" – What are the things that Paul tells Titus to speak? Titus 2:1-14

Paul sets forth 3 Functions of the Minister –

- 1. Teach – "speak"** – "this doctrine"; "These things", Presenting God's will. 2 Timothy 4:2 – "preach the word;"
- 2. Encourage – "and exhort"** – to urge and exhort; This is the application of the Scriptures to edification. James 1:22
- 3. Correct – "and reprove"** – to get wayward believers back on track; 2 Timothy 3:16 Reveals What Is Not Right.

"Let no one disregard you." – "to think around, to disregard by setting oneself in thought beyond."

The description of a man that rationalizes himself into a position where he can evade these responsibilities and so continue on in his sins.

Application:

1. God's Grace Is His Active Favor Bestowing The Greatest Gift Upon Those Who Deserve The Greatest Punishment.
2. The Gospel Offers Not Merely An Escape From Punishment Of Sin, But The Aim Is The Transformation In Character, And Conduct Of The Saved Person.
3. Grace Says No To Ungodliness And Worldly Desires. Grace Also Says Yes To Live Sensibly, Righteously And Godly In The Present Age.
4. Jesus Willingly Offered Himself As A Sacrifice By Which He Became The Necessary Substitute In Redeeming Mankind.