

Dear Grace Church,

I'll be preaching Titus 2:13-14 tomorrow, Mar 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024,. As you have opportunity, please read Titus 1-2, and the select passages pasted below the outline. Each of these passage contains the phrase in Titus 2:14, "a people for His own possession."

Seeking to live upon Christ as our Redeemer,

Murray

## **HOW TO BUILD THE PERFECT CHURCH SERIES, 13**

### **THE COVENANT OF GRACE APPLIED**

#### **"Adorning the Doctrine of God Our Savior Together**

#### **to Build Christ's Church: Or, You Are Not Your Own; You've Been Bought with a Price"**

#### **Titus 2:11-14, Part 4, Verses 13-14**

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup>teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup>looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself ~~His own special people~~ a people for His own possession, zealous for good works. (NKJV)

### **III. The Designed Effect of the Gospel and the Law Upon All Who Receive It (12-14)**

#### **A. The teaching, molding, nourishing power of grace (12)**

#### **B. The Present Motive of Future Glory (13)**

#### **C. The Purpose of the Gracious Self-Giving of Christ to Fulfill the Covenant of Grace (14)**

1. To redeem us from every lawless deed (14a, b)
2. To purify for himself a people of his own possession, zealous for good works (14a, c)

Exodus 19:3–6 <sup>3</sup> And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. <sup>6</sup> And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.” (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 7:6–11 <sup>6</sup> “For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; <sup>8</sup> but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He *is* God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; <sup>10</sup> and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face. <sup>11</sup> Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them. (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 14:2 For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who *are* on the face of the earth. (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 26:16–19 <sup>16</sup> “This day the LORD your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>17</sup> Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. <sup>18</sup> Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that *you* should keep all His commandments, <sup>19</sup> and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God, just as He has spoken.” (NKJV)

1 Peter 2:9–10 <sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. (NKJV)

# Grace Welcomes You

March 24, 2024

# Psalm 130 (From The Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O who shall stand before Thee?  
(Who shall stand before Thee?)  
O who shall stand before Thee?  
(Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy  
(Live alone by mercy)  
And live alone by mercy  
(Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support;  
I wait for it with patience  
(Wait for it with patience)  
I wait for it with patience  
(Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night,  
And 'til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
And wait 'til God appeareth  
(Wait 'til God appeareth)  
And wait 'til God appeareth  
(Wait 'til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow  
(All their sin and sorrow)  
From all their sin and sorrow  
(All their sin and sorrow)

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# Psalm 73C

Yet constantly I am with You;  
You've taken hold of my right hand.  
Your counsel shows me what to do,  
And guides me in the things I plan;  
And afterward, so shall it be,  
You will with honor welcome me.

Are You not all I have in heav'n?

None else on earth do I desire.

Though human strength come to an end -

My flesh may fail, my heart expire -

My heart's strength God Himself will be,

My portion through eternity.

Those far from You will surely die,  
Who dealt with You unfaithfully.  
But as for me, I will draw nigh.  
How good that God is near to me!  
I refuge take in God the LORD,  
That all Your works I may record.



# I Asked the Lord

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith and love and every grace  
Might more of His salvation know  
And seek more earnestly His face

Twass He who taught me thus to pray  
And He I trust has answered prayer  
But it has been in such a way  
As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour  
At once He'd answer my request  
And by His love's constraining power  
Subdue my sins and give me rest



Instead of this He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart  
And let the angry powers of Hell  
Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried  
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?  
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

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# Good and Gracious King

I approach the throne of glory,  
Nothing in my hands I bring  
But the promise of acceptance,  
From a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden,  
As You give to me Your strength  
Come and fill me with Your Spirit,  
As I sing to You this praise

You deserve the greater glory,  
Overcome, I lift my voice  
To the King in need of nothing,  
Empty handed I rejoice  
You deserve the greater glory,  
Overcome with joy I sing  
By Your love I am accepted,  
You're a good and gracious King

O what grace that You would see me,  
As Your child and as Your friend  
Safe, secure in You forever,  
I pour out my praise again



You deserve the greater glory,  
Overcome, I lift my voice  
To the King in need of nothing,  
Empty handed I rejoice  
You deserve the greater glory,  
Overcome with joy I sing  
By Your love I am accepted,  
You're a good and gracious King

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty

Good and gracious

Good and gracious

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty

Good and gracious King

You deserve the greater glory,  
Overcome, I lift my voice  
To the King in need of nothing,  
Empty handed I rejoice  
You deserve the greater glory,  
Overcome with joy I sing  
By Your love I am accepted,  
You're a good and gracious King

# To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

To Christ the Lord let every tongue  
Its noblest tribute bring  
When He's the subject of the song  
Who can refuse to sing?  
Survey the beauties of His face  
And on His glories dwell  
Think of the wonder of His grace  
And all His triumphs tell

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned  
Upon His awful brow  
His head with radiant glories crowned  
His lips with grace overflow  
No mortal can with Him compare  
Among the sons of men  
Fairer He is than all the fair  
That fill the Heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress

He fled to my relief

For me He bore the shameful cross

And carried all my grief

His hand a thousand blessings pours

Upon my guilty head

His presence gilds my darkest hours

And guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath  
And all the joys I have  
He makes me triumph over death  
And saves me from the grave  
To Heaven the place of His abode  
He brings my weary feet  
Shows me the glories of my God  
And makes my joy complete

Since from His bounty I receive  
Such proofs of love divine  
Had I a thousand hearts to give  
Lord, they should all be Thine  
A thousand men could not compose  
A worthy song to bring  
Yet Your love is a melody  
Our hearts can't help but sing!



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# Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me;  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.

Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.

Soon shall close thy earthly mission,

Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.