

Titus 2:11-12 — "How the Grace of God in Salvation Is Your Foundation for Godly Living, Part 1!"**Introduction**

How can you obey all the commands in Scripture? How can you obey all of it? Here there are many prescriptions and duties, but where's the power to do it?

Titus 2:11-15 is the foundation of the letter that proclaims the *power supply* to live out all that God requires in His church!

In a larger section that focuses on the practical aspects of Christianity [Titus 2:1-10], these verses [2:11-15] provide a firm theological foundation for right practice (William Mounce).

This section (vv.11-14) displays so much theological meat that its easily to analyze it only and forget the context of the letter. This paragraph serves a major function in the letter to Titus. It provides the theological basis (indicative) for the instructions thus far (1:10-2:10) (imperatives) (Gordon Fee).

The main point of this central section [Titus 2:11-15] -- *God's saving grace in the gospel is the foundation for all your Christian conduct.*

THESIS — *God's saving grace includes a number of components...*

1. powerful transformation (12)
2. promised anticipation (13)
3. precise affirmation (13b)
4. perfect substitution (14a)
5. protected possession (14b)
6. pious ambition (14c)

Titus 2:11 - the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all men:

So what does this grace of God do & include? Titus 2:12 will provide one of the elements:

I. POWERFUL TRANSFORMATION! (12)

God's grace *instructs* us —

1. TO DENY (*to put off*) 2 sins

Ungodliness:

Worldly desires:

2. TO PURSUE (*to put on*) 3 virtues

Sensibly:

Righteously:

Godly:

Christianity is not only a *future-oriented* promise. It is that, but it's also a *present-oriented* life -- empowered by God, transformed by grace, walking in holiness, rejoicing in Truth!

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.