

The Grace of God Teaches

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Titus 2:11-15 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

- I. The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all me.
 - A. All people who have ever lived have seen the grace of God that bringeth salvation.
 - B. All men know there is a way that is different than the popular way of having a cloak of religion that leaves a person the same as he has always been.
 - C. All men know (and secretly long for) a way which changes a person from a selfish, hateful, wretched, sinful person into a kind, benevolent, loving, clean living person.
 - D. All men know there is a way for a person who is unclean to be made clean.
 - E. So this grace of God, being the favorable influence of God on the heart and mind, is not hidden, or hard to find, and is within sight of all men.
 - F. But it is resisted most fiercely by Satan, and by all who love their sin.

- II. Once the grace of God has brought a soul to salvation it becomes his teacher.
 - A. No teacher can teach us if we are not teachable.
 1. All who are partakers of the grace of God are followers and learners – not stubborn and un-teachable, and resisting God’s truth and holiness in their life.
 - B. Grace speaks of the state we live in – a continual state of being sensitive and submissive to the will of God.
 - C. Grace is not a tool or a weapon or a quick-fix potion we have in our backpack that we pull out only in time of great need or emergency.
 - D. It is the prevailing influence of our life
 - E. Our thoughts, our feelings, our actions, our reactions, our words are all governed by grace.
 - F. Grace is a word that describes the working of the Holy Spirit in our heart and mind and life through the Word of God and the experiences of life to teach us, and to conform us to the image of Christ.
 - G. We can chalk it up to grace every person, every experience, every bit of truth, every sorrow, every weakness, every calamity in our life that brings us closer to God.

- III. The Bible is specific here about what the grace of God teaches us, and the effect it has on our life.

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

- A. In one verse describing the grace of God all the modern sinning religion, with their man-made concepts of carnal Christians, and worldly Christians, and Christian comedy, and ungodly associations and worldly activities and entertainment, and their sympathy and compromise with the ungodly – are all swept off the table.
- B. The grace of God teaches all who are teachable these things – if they are not learning these things then they obviously are not living in the grace of God.
- C. All who are not living in the grace of God are in fact resisting the grace of God.
- D. If it is not the prevailing influence in your life, then you are living after the flesh and a partaker of the grace of God.
- E. Grace teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.

DENY, v.t.

1. To contradict; to gainsay; to declare a statement or position not to be true.

The sense of this verb is often expressed by no or nay.

- 1. Grace teaches us to say, “That is wrong!”
- 2. To say it with words– not just think it.

UNGOD'LINESS, n. Impiety; wickedness; disregard of God and his commands and neglect of his worship; or any positive act of disobedience or irreverence.

- 3. God is worthy of honor and anything that dishonors, or even fails to honor Him is ungodliness – and the grace of God will urge us to say so.
- 4. Worldly lusts and holy desires are two different things, but grace will teach us the difference and urge us to call them what they are.
- 5. The grace of God will teach us to deny ourselves any ungodliness or worldly lusts – not just what we see others doing.

- F. Grace teaches us to live soberly.

SO'BERLY, adv.

1. Sound mind; Without intemperance. Without enthusiasm. Without intemperate passion; coolly; calmly; moderately.

ENTHU'SIASM, n.

1. A belief or conceit of private revelation; the vain confidence or opinion of a person, that he has special divine communications from the Supreme Being, or familiar intercourse with him.

- 1. So the effect of the grace of God in a person who has been brought to salvation by grace, will be a sound mind.
- 2. He will not be arrogant and proud and thinks he knows more than anyone else.
- 3. He will not be going from one extreme to another, or jumping on every new and different idea that comes before him.
- 4. Grace will teach us to be steady and stable and unwavering.

- G. Grace teaches us to live righteously and godly in this present world.

- 1. This sets us apart from others.
- 2. Grace teaches us how to live, no matter what others may do.
- 3. Righteousness and godliness do not change with time or location – they are steady and fixed forever.
- 4. So those who are saved by the grace of God and living under its influence will be learning to live righteously and godly even in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation.
- 5. Where sin abounds grace always much more abounds – the influence of the world is never more than a true child of God can overcome.

[2 Corinthians 9:8](#) And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Romans 5:20-21 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

H. Grace teaches the true believer to look for Jesus to come again.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

1. So anything that discourages you from looking for Jesus to come is not of the grace of God – but is in fact, resisting the grace of God.
2. All this anti-rapture talk, and mid-trib, post-trib, and other heresies that have been embraced by many are obviously not products of the grace of God because they teach to you NOT look for his coming – today.
3. The grace of God makes you KNOW that He is coming and that He can come anytime.
4. The grace of God makes his coming appear to you as the “blessed hope” – not something to be dreaded and fearful about.

IV. The grace of God teaches the true believer that Jesus redeemed him from all his iniquity and has purified him and put him in a separate part of humanity.

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

- A. The grace of God teaches the true believer that he is a stranger and a pilgrim in this world.
- B. It teaches him that he is different than the ungodly world around him and separates him from them, putting him into God’s family and among God’s people.
- C. The grace of God teaches the child of God to do good towards other and not to do evil.
- D. So it is not so difficult to recognize the presence or the absence of the grace of God in the life of a person who professes to be a believer.
- E. Is the grace of God the prevailing influence in your life?