

Good Deeds: The Grace of God

Titus 2:11-15

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The Believers of the Church (Titus 2:1-10).

Believers believe the right things.

Believers live godly lives.

⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works.

Our beliefs impact how we behave.

The God of Creation Appeared.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.

Leave, Live, Look.

Believers Leave Ungodliness.

¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

God Trains Us.

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The grace of God teaches His children to leave, live and look.

Believers Live Sensibly

“My son, do not forget my teaching [my training], But let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and peace will be will be added to you.” (Proverbs 3:1-2)

Life is better and safe when we live sensibly.

Believers Look Ahead

The Appearing of Jesus’s Return.

¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Hope is an eager expectation.

Our Bedrock Truth.

¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Christ redeemed us from lawless deeds to purify us for good deeds.

Paul doesn't think salvation can be separated from a godly life.

Christ had to deal with what you didn't do and what you did do.

¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Don't let anyone go around you. There's a standard.

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STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS:

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- Does Titus 2:11 teach that all people will be saved? Explain.
- What are the three theological reasons Paul teaches for why believers live the way they do? (Hint: Leave, Live, Look).
- What is the connection between salvation and obedience? Does God's grace come with conditions? Is it possible to receive grace by faith without one's life changing?
- How does the return of Jesus help encourage believers to live upright, godly lives? Why do you think he includes the second coming?
- How does it feel to know that you are God's possession? You aren't merely forgiven, but possessed by Him. How does this idea play a role in your sanctification (i.e. becoming more like Jesus)?
- Paul encourages Titus (church leadership) to ensure there are standards and doctrine in place. How does leadership do both well--uphold doctrine, but be gracious?
- How does this message or passage bring comfort or conviction or correction in your life?
- How should this passage or message reshape your thoughts, attitudes, emotions, motivations, words and actions?
- What needs to change in order to love God and neighbor more faithfully?