



The Church brings life to the culture...because

## Grace changes everything!

Titus 2:11-15 – November 21, 2021

Titus 2:11-15 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, **bringing** salvation for all people,

<sup>12</sup>**training** us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

<sup>13</sup>**waiting** for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>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.

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

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2 Timothy 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

2 Thessalonians 3:13

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Hebrews 12:15

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

### For the grace of God has appeared (11a)

> revelation of Christ:

- Christ is the personification of God's grace!
- appearing means He was visible!

### Three results of this revelation of Christ as God's grace:

#### 1. **bringing** salvation for all people (11b)

→ Past completed with continuing results – justification saved from penalty of sin!

#### 2. **training** us to renounce ungodliness...to live godly live (12,14)

→ current – sanctification saved from power of sin! Walking with Him!

#### 3. **waiting** for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (13)

→ current waiting/anticipating the future – glorification saved from presence of sin!

> "waiting" to expect/anticipate the fulfillment of a promise

> "hope" is confident assurance (of His appearing)!

### Why God's grace calls us to be "waiting"

1. Sanctification is a battle, and battles bring weariness!

> Titus 2:12,14. "weariness": Gal 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13; Heb. 12:3; Rev. 2:3

2. Waiting for the appearing of our blessed hope, the return of Christ, off-sets weariness.

#### 5 ways "eagerly waiting" off-sets weariness:

Christ returning for His church! (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

1. We'll be present with Him forever!

2. We'll be completely healing!

3. We'll have rest for our souls!

Christ returning as unrivaled King and Judge! (Rev. 19:11-21)

4. We'll see the final defeat of evil!

5. We'll see our Unrivaled King!

Application questions on the back →

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For the following application questions, review your notes from the front.

1. Sanctification is our daily spiritual growth (or lack if we're not growing spiritually).

Write out how and why spiritual growth (sanctification) is a battle. How does it bring about weariness?

See Ephesians 6:10-12 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

2. How does spiritual weariness look in your life? How does it affect you? When does it affect you?

3. From our study and your notes on the front, write out how our daily anticipation of the return of Christ off-sets weariness.

Which ones of the "Five ways eager waiting for the return of Christ" helps you off-set weariness?

Write out a prayer to the Lord on how you will follow Him because of this study.

Our purpose is *to know...follow...and love Christ!*

