

## WHAT GRACE TEACHES TITUS 2:11-13

### I. Def Grace:

- A. God's unmerited favor, a free gift from God that we receive even though undeserving: Eph 2:8
- B. God's ability in us to do what we cannot do in our own strength: Ex Apostle Paul Eph 3:6-7
- 1. God has also graced us to become & do according to His plan for our life & ministry: Eph 4:7

### II. Titus 2:11 **SALVATION** has appeared to all men..."

- A. Salvation includes being Born Again, as well as healing, deliverance, & prosperity for spirit, soul & body
- B. Grace **teaches us to partake of three things:**
  - 1. vs 12 denying ungodliness and worldly lusts
  - 2. vs 12 to live soberly, righteously & godly in this present age
  - 3. vs 13 looking for the blessed hope & glorious appearing of our great God & Savior Jesus Christ

### III. vs 12 **Grace teaches us "denying ungodliness & worldly lusts"**

- A. When Born Again a spiritual transformation is to take place in our lives: 2 Cor 5:17
  - 1. Grace will teach us to live **HOLY & CONVICT** us by the **Spirit of Grace**: Zech 12:10 & Heb 2:29
  - 2. 2 Cor 12:9 "My grace is sufficient"
    - a. Grace is not a license to sin, not an excuse to stay the same, does not mean "anything" goes
    - b. Grace motivates our behavior to live for God & frees us to obey the Holy Spirit

(1) 2 Tim 2:1 "Be **strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" Def empowered / strengthened inwardly

### IV. Titus 2: 12 Grace teaches us to "**live soberly, righteously, and godly**"

#### A. "**LIVE SOBERLY**": Def self control, temperate, sound mind

- 1. What are you drunk on? See Eph 5:18
    - a. are you a sipping saint? ....be filled with the Spirit instead....
    - b. Are you drunk on the cares of life no time for word, prayer. House of God: Gal 5:19 & Lk 21:34
- (1) **solution**: 1 Peter 5:7 "casting all of your care upon Him (Jesus) for He cares for you"

#### B. **LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY**: Def upright, justly, Christian character

- 1. Grace will teach: to live righteous in an unrighteous world & develop **FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** Phil 1:11
  - 2. Grace will teach believers to **PURSUE righteousness**: 2 Tim 2:22
  - 3. Grace will teach: to live righteously thru the **power of God's WORD**: 2 Tim 3:16
  - 4. Grace will teach: to live righteously in the midst of **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**: Eph 6:14 "**breastplate of righteousness**"
    - a. Paul reveals some of the warfare we will face in 2 Cor 6:4-5 & reveals the weapon of righteousness in the Midst of spiritual warfare: 2 Cor 6:7 "**ARMOR OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**"
- (1) Grace will teach you how to **overcome guilt & condemnation** as you put on the armor of righteousness  
As you declare by faith: 2 Cor 5:21 that we have become the righteousness of God in Him (Jesus)

### V. Titus 2:13 Grace will teach us to: "**looking for the blessed hope & glorious appearing of.....Jesus**"

#### A. When strong in grace our attention & affection is redirected to "looking for the blessed hope"

- 1. Grace teaches us that we cannot play with sin & be looking for Jesus
- 2. Grace will teach us: we cannot walk in the flesh & expect to hear that trumpet sound & see the appearing of Jesus
- 3. Grace will teach that we cannot be spiritually cold or lukewarm & be ready for the blessed hope
- 4. Grace will teach us to be about our Father's business Lk 2:49 / fulfill our ministry 2 Tim 4:5 / Witness to & win the lost Matt 18:11
  - a. Because the believer filled with grace constantly hears the Holy Spirit say: 1 Thess 4:16-18 & James 5:8

### VI. Titus 2:11 "**For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men?**"

#### A. Have you allowed God's grace to appear in your heart & you have become **Born Again**?

#### B. Have you allowed the grace of God to appear in your heart & teach you how to:

- 1. deny ungodliness & deny worldly lusts
- 2. to live soberly
- 3. to live righteously & godly
- 4. to look be ready for the Blessed Hope...The glorious appearing of Jesus Christ