

## **“THE OUTWORKING OF GOD’S GRACE IN OUR LIVES”**

### **TITUS 2:11-15**

**INTRO:** As Christians so often we speak of God’s **GRACE** and sing of God’s **GRACE**, but it is probable that we do not really **COMPREHEND GOD’S GRACE** as we should. In fact, Ephesians 2:7 indicates that throughout **THE AGES TO COME** we will be learning of the **GRACE OF GOD**. Titus 2:11-15 is a short text that gives us a **LOT OF INFORMATION** about the **GRACE OF GOD** that is necessary to study and refreshing to learn. So, let’s take a look at it in our lesson.

#### **THE BEAUTY OF VERSE 11:**

1) The **GRACE OF GOD** brings salvation.

- The **GRACE OF GOD** is **GOD’S UNMERITED FAVOR TOWARD ALL MANKIND THROUGH JESUS CHRIST IN PROVIDING ALL HUMANITY A SALVATION THAT WE DO NOT DESERVE AND WE CANNOT OBTAIN IN AND OF OURSELVES.**
- The **LOVE, the GOODNESS and the MERCY OF GOD** could not provide salvation in and of themselves. Truly they motivated **GOD’S GRACE**, but without the **GRACE OF GOD** there would be **NO SALVATION AT ALL!**

-Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:7

2) The **GRACE OF GOD** has appeared to **ALL MANKIND!**

- The **GRACE OF GOD** has appeared to **ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD – THE MOTIVATION FOR MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM.**

A) There is **COMMON GRACE** – That fact that God pours out His grace upon all people everywhere in providing for general needs. Through **GOD’S COMMON GRACE** the Holy Spirit convicts all mankind of their sin of unbelief – John 16:7-11

B) There is **SAVING GRACE** – That fact that God **SAVES ANY OR ALL WHO CALL UPON HIS NAME FOR SALVATION.**

CHARLES CALDWELL RYRIE SAID OF THE GRACE OF GOD AND CHRISTIANITY: **“CHRISTIANITY IS DISTINCT FROM ALL OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS BECAUSE IT IS A MESSAGE OF GRACE. JESUS CHRIST IS THE SUPREME REVELATION OF GOD’S GRACE; SALVATION IS BY GRACE; AND GRACE GOVERNS AND EMPOWERS CHRISTIAN LIVING. WITHOUT GRACE CHRISTIANITY IS NOTHING.”**

#### ***I. BY GOD’S GRACE WE LIVE – VS. 12***

A. God’s Grace Teaches us to Live.

-The word for “teaching” implies “child-training.”

B. God’s Grace Teaches us to Live Biblically

1. By Denying Ungodliness and Worldly Lusts
2. By Developing Sober, Righteous and Godly Living

The Phrase **“IN THIS PRESENT WORLD”** speaks of **THIS PRESENT AGE.**

#### ***II. BY GOD’S GRACE WE LOOK – VS. 13***

Because of the **GRACE OF GOD**, we are enabled and instructed to look forward to two great prophetic events:

A. The Blessed Hope – **THE RAPTURE** - When Christ comes in the air and all believers will be caught up to meet Him. – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. This could happen at any moment before the **GREAT TRIBULATION BEGINS.**

B. The Glorious Appearing – **THE RETURN TO EARTH** – When Christ comes to the earth to set up His kingdom – Revelation 19:11-16. This will begin the Millennium.

**THE SCRIPTURE RECORDS 15 MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE BLESSED HOPE AND THE GLORIOUS APPEARING.**

### **III. BY GOD'S GRACE WE LABOR – VS. 14**

- A. By God's Saving Grace we experience Redemption
- B. By God's Saving Grace we are a Peculiar People
  - The word "Peculiar" means **"BEYOND USUAL AND SPECIAL"**
  - 1. We are Saved by the Blood of Christ
  - 2. We are Indwelt by the Holy Spirit
  - 3. We are the Eternal Children of God
  - 4. We have an Eternal Inheritance in Heaven
- C. By God's Grace we Perform Good Works of Ministry
  - 1. Not Good works to be saved
  - 2. But Good works because of Salvation
    - Utilizing our spiritual gifts. (Cp. Ephesians 2:10)

#### ***THE LESSON OF VERSE 15***

**"THESE THINGS SPEAK, AND EXHORT, AND REBUKE WITH ALL AUTHORITY. LET NO MAN DESPISE THEE."**

**THE POINT: COMMUNICATE THE MESSAGE OF THE TEXT CONSISTENTLY TO ALL CONTINUALLY – TO BELIEVERS AND NON-BELIEVERS ALIKE!**