

The Message Of The Church

Titus 2:11-15

We must never lose sight of God's grace and the message of salvation.

A. The Access Through Grace (2:11)

1. God's grace is above our reckoning

Isaiah 55:9

Jeremiah 29:11

Psalms 145:17

2. God's grace brings reconciliation through salvation

1 Corinthians 1:3

Ephesians 2:14

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A. The Access Through Grace (2:11) - continued

3. God's grace is within everyone's reach

Psalm 34:6

2 Peter 3:9

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B. The Ability Of Grace (2:12)

- 1. God's grace provides the ability to live for Him
Galatians 2:20**

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B. The Ability Of Grace (2:12) - continued

2. We must let grace change our desires

a. Grace will change your appetite

b. Grace will change your attitude

c. Grace will change your actions

d. Grace allows us to live soberly

e. Grace enables us to abstain from all appearances of evil

f. Grace allows us to live righteously

g. Grace also allows us to live godly

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C. The Anticipation In Grace (2:13)

1. Grace allows us to eagerly wait

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

2. Grace makes us to want our completed redemption

Colossians 3:4

1 John 3:2

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D. The Author Of Grace (2:14)

1. God's grace is free but was not cheap

Philippians 2:7-8

2. God's grace has a result

Romans 6:23

3. God's grace has a reason

Romans 5:8

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E. The Appeal to Grace (2:15)

- 1. You cannot be silent**
- 2. You cannot be subtle**
- 3. You cannot be sanguine**
- 4. You cannot be sucked in**

Titus 3:9-11

Transformed in Christ

Titus 3: 1-7

**We have an obligation to live in a way that pleases Him
and reveals His grace before others**

Titus 3:1-7

1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Titus 3:1-7 - continued

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

I. The Expectation For The Believer (3:1-2)

A. Our Cooperation (3:1)

1. With principalities

Romans 13:1

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2. With magistrates

1 Peter 2:13-14

13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

I. The Expectation For The Believer (3:1-2)

A. Our Cooperation (3:1) - continued

3. With good works

Romans 13:3

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

1 Peter 2:12

Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

I. The Expectation For The Believer (3:1-2)

B. Our Conduct (3:2)

1. In standard

Philippians 1:27

Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

I. The Expectation For The Believer (3:1-2)

B. Our Conduct (3:2) - continued

2. In speech

1 Peter 2:23

Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

3. In spirit

2 Timothy 2:24

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

II. The Transformation Of The Believer (3:3-7)

A. Our Rebellion (3:3)

Ephesians 2:2-3

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

II. The Transformation Of The Believer (3:3-7)

B. The Intervention (3:4)

Ephesians 2:4-5

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love
wherewith he loved us,**

**5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us
together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

II. The Transformation Of The Believer (3:3-7)

C. Our Salvation (3:5-6)

1. The means

- a. We did not do it**
- b. We did not deserve it**

2. The method

- a. Washing of regeneration**
- b. Renewing of the Holy Ghost**

3. The measure

II. The Transformation Of The Believer (3:3-7)

D. Our Justification (3:7)

A. By faith in His grace

Romans 3:28

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

B. Brings peace with God

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

II. The Transformation Of The Believer (3:3-7)

E. Our Preservation (3:7)

1. To a home

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

2. To an inheritance

Romans 8:17

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

II. The Transformation Of The Believer (3:3-7)

E. Our Preservation (3:7) - continued

3. For eternity

John 10:28

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**Have You Been Transformed
By Christ**