

Sunday, September 26, 2010—Titus: The Practice of Grace—Titus 2:11: The Grace of God That Bringeth Salvation

Introduction

- Over the course of the past 5 weeks or so we have been dealing with some deeply practical and personal verses.
- Now as we approach the end of Titus chapter 2 we will deal with some glorious verses about what it means to live under grace as a member of the Body of Christ.

Titus 2:11

- *“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,”*
- What brings salvation today?
 - Law keeping?
 - Religious works?
 - Human performance?
- No, today’s verse says that the grace of God brings salvation. The word “grace” means unearned or deserved favor and kindness from God.
 - **God’s**
 - **Riches**
 - **At**
 - **Christ’s**
 - **Expense**
- Truth be told, there is not a person alive today who deserves salvation from God.
- Romans 3:19-20
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23—the wage that sin pays is death
- Keeping the Law or trusting in human performance or works for salvation is counter productive and will never result in a right standing before God.
- Isaiah 64:6—our flesh is sinful and is not capable of producing anything God will accept.
- Romans 4:4-5—the person who is working to get saved is just compiling more debt.
- Romans 3:24-25—salvation today is a free gift of God’s grace that is received the moment a lost sinner places faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ as the only total and complete payment for their sin.
- Romans 5:8-9

- Ephesians 2:8-9—people are saved today by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ.
- I Corinthians 15:1-4—Paul is delivering that which was committed to his trust to preach (Acts 20:24).
- When we apply the principal of right division (II Timothy 2:15) we see that what the ascended Christ gave Paul to preach was different from what Christ himself preached during his earthly ministry.
 - Matthew 5:17-19
 - Matthew 19:16
 - Matthew 23:2-3
- II Timothy 1:9-11—the grace of God bringing salvation was in the mind of God before the world began. This revelation was part of the mystery committed to the Apostle Paul.
- Ephesians 3:2—we live today during the dispensation of Grace. It not that God did not possess or exercise grace in previous dispensations but that today he is choosing to deal with mankind exclusively in his grace.
 - Genesis 6:8
- Ephesians 3:7-8
- When did God manifest his Grace in Jesus Christ? His Birth? During his public ministry? On the cross.
- Ephesians 1:7—the very essence of God’s grace is His provision of Jesus Christ as our sin-bearer, the fact that Christ assumed our sin and its death penalty.
- Galatians 2:21—if the Law could have saved us then Christ didn’t need to die.
- ***“hath appeared to all men,”***
- Today God is offering salvation to all men without distinction. This was not true in time past.
 - Matthew 1:21, 10:6, 15:24
 - Romans 15:8
 - Matthew 20:28, 26:28, Mark 14:28
- I Timothy 2:4-7
- Romans 3:22—this grace of God that brings salvation has appeared unto all men without distinction.

- II Corinthians 5:19—this is the dispensation of Grace because God is currently not imputing men’s trespasses unto them. He his choosing the deal with humanity from the vantage point of Calvary.
- Romans 1:18—the very fact that Paul would warn the Gentiles about the wrath of God being revealed against sin is itself an act of Grace.
 - Romans 1:19-23—describes the rebellious nature of the heart of man
 - Romans 1:24, 26, 28—God gave the Gentiles over to the reprobate minds.
- Acts 14:16—in “time past” God suffered or allowed the Gentiles to walk in their own way.
- Acts 17:30-31—the times of gentile ignorance are over. Through the message and ministry of the Apostle Paul God is announcing to the world the impending wrath of God and thereby calling all men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ by his grace.
- II Corinthians 6:2—the entire dispensation of Grace is a day of salvation.