

Sunday, August 25, 2019—Titus 2:11: The Grace of God That Bringeth Salvation

### Introduction

- A couple weeks back I announced that I would be winding down our most recent series of studies on Body Building. I asked for folks to submit any questions or topics that they might be interested in hearing some teaching on.
- Someone (can't remember who) handed me this blue sheet of paper from the bulletin with the words Titus 2:11-15 written on it.
- After much thought I have decided to teach on these 5 verses in the coming weeks. One reason is that these verses summarize many core doctrines in a nice and neat little package.

### Contextual Summary

- Titus 1:1, 2—Paul is writing to Titus for the purpose of instructing him regarding the local assembly.
- Titus 1:5—Paul instructs Titus that his job is to set things in order on the island of Crete. Titus is going to accomplish this task by ordaining elders in every city.
  - Titus 1:6-9—sets forth a summary of qualifies for eldership in the local church.
- Titus 1:10-16—explains the reasons why Titus needs to ordain elders and set things in order. There are many unruly and vain talkers subverting household by teaching things which they ought not for filthy lucre's sake. In verse 16, these people are reprobate concerning good works.
- Titus 2:1—Titus is instructed to teach “the things which become sound doctrine.”
  - Titus 2:2—“aged men”
  - Titus 2:3-5—“aged women”
  - Titus 2:6-8—“young men”
  - Titus 2:9-10—“servants”

### 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.
  - **G**od's
  - **R**iches
  - **A**t
  - **C**hrist's
  - **E**xpense
- 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 counterproductive 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 the 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 Tim. 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's 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,”***
- Notice that the verb “hath appeared” in English is in the past tense. In Greek the structure of the verb denotes an action that occurred at specific point of time in the past in a passive sense. In other words, the “grace of God” appearing to all men was not something that man brought about through his own activity or action rather it was done to man despite his actions or knowledge of it.
- When did the “grace of God that bringeth salvation” appear “to all men” in a passive sense? I believe it was when the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saul of Tarsus on the Road to Damascus.
  - I Timothy 1:11-17
  - Acts 9:8—when Paul is allowed the lift his face out of the Arabian sand this is when the grace of God appeared “for all men.” Instead of dealing with the world in his wrath God saved the chief of sinner by grace through faith and in doing so set a pattern for how men would be saved thereafter.
- 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.