

Sunday, September 1, 2019—Titus 2:11: Hath Appeared Unto All Men

### **Introduction/Review**

- Last Sunday, I began addressing some of the questions I had been given a couple weeks back. In doing so, we began looking at Titus 2:11-15.
- After spending some time summarizing the context, we began looking at verse 11.
- *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation*—we looked at many verses discussing how we are saved by grace through faith during the current dispensation of grace.
  - 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 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*—we started talking about this phrase during our time together last week but ran out of time. We will resume our study here this morning seeking to tie up some loose ends before we move on to verse 12.

### **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 to 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 sinners 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.