

The Grace Of God Has Appeared

Titus 2:11-14

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- That it "has appeared" implies:
 - It was previously hidden – though shown in some aspects
 - Deuteronomy 6:10-12 – "... God brings you into the land ..."
 - Deuteronomy 7:6-8 – "... God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession"
 - It was fully realized in Christ
 - John 1:14-17 – "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ"

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- That it "has appeared" implies:
 - It could not be found without God revealing it – we were "helpless" (NASV) without it
 - Romans 5:6 – "... while we were still weak"
 - It is impossible to be saved from sin without God's grace
 - Romans 3:23 – "... all have sinned ..."
 - Ephesians 2:8 – "... by grace you have been saved ..."
 - cf. Romans 6:23 – "the free gift of God"

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- And has been extended to all
 - Jesus died for all, not just a few
 - John 3:16 – "... whoever believes in him ..."
 - God is impartial
 - Acts 10:34-35 – "... anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him"

The Grace Of God Instructs Us

- Because salvation by grace is conditional
 - Offering salvation and not telling us how to obtain it would not benefit us
 - For initial obedience
 - Matthew 7:13-14 – "Enter by the narrow gate"
 - Hebrews 11:6 – "... must believe that he exists ..."
 - Romans 10:9-10 – "... confess with your mouth ..."
 - Acts 2:38 – "be baptized every one"

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- Because salvation by grace is conditional
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 - For Christians
 - II Corinthians 6:1 – "... not to receive the grace of God in vain"
 - Revelation 2:10 – "Be faithful unto death"

The Grace Of God Instructs Us

- That we are to renounce:
 - Ungodliness – Romans 3:23 – "... fall short of the glory of God"
 - Worldly lusts – I John 2:15-16 – "... not from the Father ..."
- We are to live in a certain way:
 - Soberly – Give thought to what we are doing
 - Righteously – In harmony with God's Word
 - Godly – In harmony with the character and nature of God

The Grace Of God Provides Hope

- A "blessed hope" (verse 13)
 - Ephesians 2:12-13 – "... brought near by the blood of Christ"
- The hope will be realized when Jesus returns
 - I Peter 1:3-5 – "... a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time"
 - Philippians 3:20-21 – "... our citizenship is in heaven"
- Jesus promises heavenly rewards
 - John 16:33 – "... you may have peace"

The Grace Of God Is Seen In Jesus' Sacrifice

- The ultimate demonstration of God's grace
 - John 15:13 – "Greater love has no one than this"
 - Ephesians 2:4-6 – "... the great love with which he loved us"
 - From the Father – willing to send the Christ to die
 - From the Son – willing to lay down His life
 - John 10:17-18 – "... I lay it down of my own accord"

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- What Jesus' sacrifice did (verse 14):
 - Redeemed us "from all lawlessness" – So that we will not receive "the wages of sin" (Romans 6:23)
 - Purified us – Provided forgiveness
 - Ephesians 1:3-7 – "the forgiveness of our trespasses"
 - Made us "his own possession"
 - I Corinthians 6:19-20 – "... you were bought with a price"

Obeying The Gospel

Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – "... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Believe the Gospel message

- Hebrews 11:6 – "... whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

Obeying The Gospel

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Matthew 10:32 – "Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven."

Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized every one of you ..."

Remain faithful

- I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain"