

The Epiphany

(Titus 2)

How to live “the good life”?

- Many want it; few have no idea...
- Paul shifts from duty to doctrine, 11-14

III. 11: The Epiphany of the Past

Grace of God

- Some deny . . .
 1. **It exists.** Charge God falsely...
 2. **They need it.** Cheapen the gospel...
 3. **God's explanation.** "Grace alone" / baptism / universalism
- Grace is NOT what we . . .
 1. deserve.
 2. think.
 3. expect.

Grace of God brings salvation

- 2 Th.2:8

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming

- 2 Tim.4:1

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Grace of God has appeared

1. Cause something to be seen. Ps.79:4
2. Provide illumination, give light to. Lk.1:79
3. Make one's presence known. Ac.27:20
4. Show oneself, make an appearance.
Tit.2:11
 - Gn.5, Enoch
 - Gn.6, Noah
 - 1 Tim.1:13-15, Saul

Grace of God has appeared to all men

- **Potential:** all can be saved
- **Actual:** individuals are saved
 1. Universal scope of gospel. Mk.16:15
 2. Jn.7:17

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IV. 12: The Education
of the Present

Teaching us

- Personification: grace gives instruction (2 Tim.3:16) for responsible people.
- Hb.12:7, 10
- Gospel is an instruction in life.

Teaching us
Negative application (don't be)

Deny: refuse, disdain,
disown, renounce (1:16).

- Ungodliness: impiety, irreverence
- Worldly lusts: 1 Jn.2:15-16

Teaching us

Negative application (don't be)

Positive application (do be)

Should live . . . (2:1-10)

- **Soberly:** self-control, as v.2,4,5,6.
Is.1:16-17.
- **Righteously:** in an upright manner,
devoutly, correctly.
- **Godly:** in a godly manner.

In the present age: the time of salvation

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Look for the blessed hope (3:7)

And for the glorious appearing

- Lord, Savior, great, only God, and His kingdom
- Christians will share in His blessedness

“We rejoice in the hope of the
glory of God” – Ro.5:2

Of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ

“Of the great God and Savior of us, Jesus...”

- Article-noun-conjunction-noun . . . Always refers to same referent
- Ro.15:6, “the God and Father”
- Phm.1, “the friend and fellow-laborer”
- Tit.2:13, no article before “Savior”: one article for both

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- Pliny the Younger
- Jews enjoyed long history of the oneness of God...
 - Paul, Peter... ascribe deity to Jesus
 - Titus is to teach it with all authority
- 2 Pt.1:1, 11
- Ro.9:5
- Jn.1:1

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VI. 14: The Endowment
of the Savior

Past act: gave Himself for us

- **Appeal:** from constraining love of Christ to reacting love of man. Jn.10:11, 17-18
- **Present process:**
 - Redeem us from every lawless deed...
 - Purify for Himself His own special people
 - Chosen, special, of one's own possession
 - Ex.19:5
 - Zealous for good works

Charge to Titus (15)

- **Speak these things (v.1).** Doctrine + ethics
- **Exhort.** Urge strongly, exhort, encourage.
2 Tim.4:2
- **Rebuke.** Bring to light, exhort, encourage.
Convict. 2 Tim.4:2
- **With all authority (complete authority).**
Command, order.
- **Let no one despise you.** “Think around”
(bypass, disregard, ignore). Look down on.
–1 Tim.4:12 (look down on)