

A Grace-Full Life

Titus 2:11-15

In Titus 2:1-10, Paul instructs his readers and us as well, to live respectable, dignified lives. But how do we gain victory over temptation? How do we make wise choices in order to leave a legacy? How do we know what to say “Yes” to and what to say “No” to? How do we maintain high moral standards when the rest of the world casts theirs off?

In Titus 2:11-15, Paul answers those questions with one word, Grace. As he explains, the *grace of God rescues us from our past, trains us how to live in the present, gives us hope for the future, and grants us a license to serve.*

Grace is getting what we don't deserve, whereas mercy is not getting what we do deserve.

Grace rescues us from our past (11, 14)

Grace appeared – it brought something to light that was previously unseen.

Grace brought salvation from sin and sin's extensive, destructive results.

Grace brought salvation to all people. It doesn't mean all will be saved, but that salvation is available to all people.

Jesus Christ willingly gave himself for our salvation.

What we could not do for ourselves, Jesus did for us.

Grace rescues us from all manner of sin and purifies us.

Grace not only saves us, but gives us a passion to serve Christ.

Grace trains us how to live in the present (12)

Rather than ending at salvation, grace accompanies us on our journey through life.

Grace is our personal trainer—teaching, instructing, educating, disciplining, and nurturing.

Grace teaches us to say “NO” to ungodliness and worldly passions.

Grace teaches us to say “YES” to holiness.

Grace gives us hope for the future (13)

In the same way that a child waits for a parent to come home from work, we wait expectantly for Jesus to return.

Because of that certainty, we continue to work in the present.

Jesus Christ is both God and Savior.

Grace grants us a license to serve (15)

Rather than teach our own ideas, we are to teach the Word of God.

We are not to be put off by opposition as we teach, encourage, correct, and rebuke.

The grace of God rescues us from our past, trains us how to live in the present,
gives us hope for the future, and grants us a license to serve.

May we never get over the wonder of God's amazing grace!