The Grace That Brings Salvation.

Text: Titus 2:11 – 14

- A. The Grace That Brings Salvation; Saveed Our Unworthy Souls.
  - When the Lord says, "Grace Brings Salvation" He means that grace delivers it to us.
    - a. Salvation is not happenstance; it is precisely delivered.
    - b. John Newton once wrote one of the greatest songs ever in describing God Grace delivering salvation. "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.
    - c. God is the deliver of salvation to mankind.
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:16 17 "Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and <u>hath given us everlasting</u> <u>consolation and good hope through grace</u>, (17.) Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."
    - By "everlasting consolation" is meant solace or comfort which is given to us through Christ. Salvation from start to finish is the gift of God and grace brought it.
    - b. In Titus 3:4 5 we find this grace is a result of Gods love. "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, (5.) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"
  - 3. All of this is summed up in **Ephesians 2:8 10** "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9.) Not of works, lest any man should boast. (10.) For we are his workmanship,

created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

- B. The Grace That Brings Salvation; Also taught us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Verse 12
  - a. This same grace; this same love; that brought salvation also brought to us our learning in righteousness.
  - b. You believing truth is the ordained will of God. Psalms 4:3 "<u>But</u> <u>know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly</u> for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him."
  - c. 2 Corinthians 1:12 "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, <u>not with fleshly wisdom</u>, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward."
  - d. 1 Corinthians 2:4 5 "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (5.) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."
- C. The Grace That Brings Salvation; Also Causes Us to Look for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Verse 13
  - 1. The word "look" here means with an eager desire. For that glorious appearing.
  - Looking because we know what is coming on that glorious day.
    Philippians 3:20 21 "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (21.) Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."
  - 3. Christ Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us, by Him, in heaven, how wonderful and I look forward to seeing my Lord and seeing our prepared

place. So yes it is "with eager desire" we await His coming.

- 4. **Romans 15:13** "<u>Now the God of hope fill you with</u> all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."
- D. Conclusion
  - Folks we do not live by our faith, our hope, or our own joy; God is the giver of all things to the Christian. James 1:17 18 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. (18.) Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."
  - 2. God gives us this gift to better love Him, learn of him, to look to Him, and to have a better understanding of Him.
  - 3. We do praise God for His wonderful Amazing Grace.
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