

Grace Appeared Teaching

Titus 2:11

Grace Came Teaching Titus 2:11–14

▶ General Context

- Speak things that are sound doctrine. (vs. 1)
- Older men & women to be “*Sober, Sound in faith.*” (vs. 2).
- Younger men & women to be taught “*Sound doctrine.*” (vs. 4–6)
- Titus to be a “*Pattern of good works.*” (vs. 7–8)
- Men & women of all ages to live in accord with “*Sound doctrine.*” (cf. vs. 10)

Grace “Teaches” Titus 2:11

- ▶ Educates, instructs, trains. cf. 1 Timothy 2:4
- ▶ To expel from our lives *“ungodliness”* and *“worldly lusts.”*
- ▶ To live displaying changed relationships:
 - To self. (Self-mastery)
 - To neighbors. (Fairness)
 - To God. (Reverence & Worship)

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▶ What God has provided.

- Sacrifice. John 3:16; Hebrews 2:9; Romans 3:23–26

▶ How man is saved “*by grace.*” Ephesus 2:8

- “*Though faith.*” cf. Romans 10:17
- Grace that saves comes through faith– by the word of God. Acts 20:32, 24

▶ Grace that saves through faith, works. James 2:24–26

▶ The lawless immoral life is contrary to:

- The grace of God. Cf. 1 Timothy 1:8–11
- The gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24
- The word of His grace. Acts 20:32

We are taught to “*Deny*”...

Aparneomai – to affirm that one has no connection with. cf. Matthew 26:34–35, 75 (Strong)

- ▶ Cf. Acts 3:13; 7:35 – To “abrogate, forsake, or renounce a thing.”
 - Evil. Titus 2:12
 - Good. 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Timothy 3:5; Revelation 2:13; 3:8. (Vine’s)
- ▶ “*To deny oneself.*” Matthew 16:24
- ▶ **Deliberate act**, ...a renunciation of “world passions.”

Deny “*Ungodliness*”

Asebeu – General impiety (Romans 1:18ff; Titus 2:12). Without reverence for God
Romans 5:6. (Vine’s)

- ▶ Progressive. cf. 2 Timothy 2:16
- ▶ Must eliminate ALL ungodliness.
Colossians 3:5ff
- ▶ Why must we deny ALL ungodliness?
 - God of this world will blind us. 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - Will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. Galatians 5:19ff

Deny *“Worldly Lusts”*

“Worldly” – “of or pertaining to this world,” the natural and fleshly realm.

“Lusts” – “Strong desires,” especially “strong desires that are evil and grow out of fleshly appetites.”

▶ Includes:

- Lust for unholy riches. 1 Timothy 6:6f; Matthew 6:19f
- Sinful pleasures & evil habits. Hebrews 11:24f
- All wickedness. Titus 3:3

We must deny ALL UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY LUSTS. Colossians 3:9; Galatians 5:24

We must live... *“Soberly”*

Sophronos – With sound mind.

- ▶ ... To possess control over one’s mind, desires, passions and appetites... (cf. Titus 2:1,4,6; 1 Thessalonians 5:6,8)
- ▶ **Must THINK RIGHT. 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8**
- ▶ “He must do his duty to himself before he can do his duty to others. He who does not live soberly cannot live righteously. He cannot do his duty to his fellow man until he discharges those he owes to himself...”
(David Lipscomb, Commentary of the N.T. Epistles, pg. 277)

We must live... *“Righteously”*

Dikaios – “doing justly” and “the right conduct; of what is right; by the right standard.”

▶ Uses of this word.

- Character and work of God. Psalms 50:6
- Work and death of Christ. Romans 5:18
- Revelation of the word of God. Psalms 119:172
- Individuals who understand, believe and DO the will of God. Psalms 23; Acts. 10:35; cf. Romans 10:3 & Matthew 7:21–23

▶ *“All unrighteousness is sin...” 1 John 5:17*

How do we know what is righteous?

- ▶ The standard is the word of God!
Psalms 119:172
- ▶ One who fears God and “*works righteousness*” is acceptable. Acts 10:34–35
- ▶ **“*Righteousness*” is something you DO!**

We must live... *“Godly”*

Eusebos – Piously: ... signifies a devout, pious manner of living.

- ▶ This is promoted by an attitude of piety toward God that seeks to please Him.
- ▶ It embraces that fear and reverence of God that must characterize both our attitudes and conduct.
(Note: Romans 1:18ff and compare Hebrews 11:7; 2 Timothy 3:12)

Grace teaches us to...

▶ **Deny:**

- Ungodliness
- Worldly lusts

▶ **Live:**

- Soberly
- Righteously
- Godly

Grace teaches us how to live
“in this present world” !!!