

Titus
Lesson #16, Chapter 2:11-14

1. Verse 11 begins with *for* which means it is connected in thought to what came previously. What is the connection to the previous verses?

2. Verse 11 reads *the grace of God has appeared*. *Appeared* means to make known, show, or manifest. How was God's grace shown or revealed? See Gal 4:4-5. Notice how that sense of timing is used in Titus 1:3, here in 2:11, and in 3:4.

3. What does *grace* mean as used here in verse 11?

4. What did the grace of God appear to do (verse 11)?

5. Who is this gift for? See Jn. 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:4; 4:10; 2 Pet. 3:9.

6. So if Christ came to bring salvation to all men, why aren't all men saved? See Is. 53:6; Jn. 3:17-20; 5:40; 8:24.

7. What must happen so that a person can be saved? See Luke 24:46-47; Acts 3:19; Rom. 1:16; 10:9-11.

8. The word *instructing* here (verse 12) means teaching, training, disciplining, nurturing. Who is doing the instructing (verse 11)?

9. What instructions have we been given (verse 12)?

10. When is the instructing and godly living to take place (verse 12)?

11. Contrary to the message of many today, what is the true message that accompanies salvation (verses 11-12)?

12. We are to deny ungodliness and deny worldly desires. J. J. Van Oosterzee in his commentary on Titus stated, "The true learning of heaven must begin with the unlearning and laying off of all which stands in the way of the development of the new man." What are some ways you have been applying verse 12 this week, this month, this year? What plans do you have for continuing to do so?

13. Ungodliness means "a lack of true reverence for and devotion to God." Worldly desires "refers to sins that, although we may not actually have committed, we nevertheless long to commit (John MacArthur)." Are there hidden areas of ungodliness or worldly desires in your life? Now what? What plans do you have to deal with those areas?

14. Just saying no to sin won't work unless we fill the gap with something beneficial. What should we devote ourselves to according to verse 12?

15. What hope are we to look forward to (verse 13)?

16. Why is Christ's second appearing to be such a blessed and happy hope for us? Matt. 25:31-34; Rom. 8:18-25; Phil. 3:20-21; 2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 22:20.

17. We need to be like Dorothy in Oz, click our red sequined shoes together and say, "This world is not my home. This world is not my home." What are some ways you can train yourself to think of this world as sleeping in a motel on your trip home to Heaven? As Thomas Watson says, "What madness it is to so set our heart upon our inn as to forget our home!"

18. Verse 14 gives us more details of our salvation. Define *redeem*.

19. How did He redeem us? See verse 14; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18-19.

20. What was His purpose in redeeming us (verse 14)?

21. What did Christ's redemption of us accomplish? See Ps. 130:7-8; Rom. 6:17-18, 22; 8:1; Heb. 9:11-14.

22. What does it mean to be a possession of Jesus Christ?

23. As Christ's possession we are to be *zealous for good deeds*. Define *zealous*.

24. What are some good deeds we need to be engaged in? Just for the sake of review, why are we to do "good deeds" (verses 11-14)?

25. Write out a prayer of gratitude and devotion to the One who redeemed you.