

Lessons of Grace

Scripture:

Titus 2:11-12

Introduction

Grace is the manifestation of God's character rooted in His unconditional love. Grace is not for a select few: this scripture tells us it is given to all men. It teaches us how to live and gives us an attainable goal.

I. Grace brings salvation for all

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

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- A. Grace is unconditional
 - 1. There are no qualifications
 - 2. There are no prerequisites
- B. Grace has appeared to all men
 - 1. It is available for all
 - 2. Not all are walking in grace
- C. Grace brings us into fellowship with God
- D. Grace gives us the ability to live for God

II. Grace teaches us how to live

It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Titus 2:12 NIV

- A. Grace tells us what to avoid -- Say "No"
 - 1. Ungodliness -- unlike the nature of God
 - 2. Worldly passions -- man's natural agenda
- B. Grace tells us what to practice

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:7 NIV

Example: Medical practice

Practicing Christian

- 1. Self controlled -- exercise self control
- 2. Upright -- have integrity
- 3. Godly -- Maintain a relationship with God

III. Grace tells us where we are going

...while we wait for the blessed hope -- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ...

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- A. Grace gives us a future
- B. Grace lets us occupy until He comes