

GOD'S AMAZING GRACE!

Titus 2:11-15

INTRODUCTION: Everything in the American way of life teaches us that you get what you earn. You get what you work for. The sad thing is that many Americans think the same way you gain wealth and get your pay check is the way you relate to God. But God does not relate to us primarily on our goodness or productivity but primarily He relates to us on the basis of His grace. Apart from God's grace we cannot know Him, understand Him, or relate to Him. I do not believe that any unbeliever understands what God's grace does for His people.

I. GOD'S GRACE SAVES US FROM OUR SINS PENALTY!

Titus 2:11: the grace of God that brings salvation. Notice it is not man's goodness that brings salvation. Grace and works are two totally different things: Ephesians 2:8-10. Our salvation is not based on our performance. The world spells salvation as DO! That is there is something you and I must do. Others spell salvation DON'T! In other words, if you don't do the things God tells you not to do you will be saved. God spells salvation "DONE!" There are not strings attached; there is no fine print. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior God extends His grace and accepts you into His family. John 1:12-13. The only place that God's grace is available is found in Jesus Christ: Acts 15:1-11. God's grace is free but it is not cheap!

II. GOD'S GRACE STRENGTHENS US AGAINST SIN'S POWER!

We are not only saved by God's grace we are taught by God's grace: Titus 2:11-12. The moment we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior we are not only saved by God's grace but we are entered into God's Grace University! There is only one instructor and it is Dr. Grace and there are two primary lessons He teaches us: 1.) God loves you just the way you are. 2.) God loves you too much to let you stay that way. We are taught that we can leave our sinful life behind us: Titus 2:12; Jude 1:4. God's grace changes us. We know that a person has received God's grace when they can no longer live as they used to and now desires to live the way God instruct him to: Proverbs 8:13. After we receive God's grace we now have the power to live a sanctified life for God's glory. Titus 2:11-12. To live "soberly" means to live under self-control. That deals with our soul or our inward life. To live "righteously" deals with my body or the outward life. To live "godly" deals with our spirit or the upward life. God gives us grace to live for Him on this earth.

III. GOD'S GRACE WILL SEPARATE US FROM SIN'S PRESENCE!

One day God's grace will completely separate us from all sin. When Christ comes He won't only take us to something, He will take us away from something. Titus 2:11-13. We will never get a better deal than the offer of receiving God's grace through personal faith in His Son as our Lord and Savior. Isaiah 30:18.

IV. WE CAN LEARN TO LOVE THE SERVANT LIFE!

God's grace focuses our attention on Christ and His coming for His bride and it makes us "zealous of good works!" Titus 2:11-15. God's grace will set you on fire to be right, to do right, and to act and live right! 2 Corinthians 9:8. The same grace that saves us from sin is the same grace that sends us to serve our God.