

## THE POWER OF GOD'S GRACE

Titus 2:11-15

INTRODUCTION: It is truly only as we begin to understand our Lord's grace to us that we will eagerly do what is pleasing to Him. The return of Jesus Christ is central to God's Word. Grace is mentioned 125 times in the New Testament. Repentance is also important but is mentioned only 70 times in the New Testament. So, both grace and repentance are important in the New Testament but the return of Christ is mentioned 380 times. Jesus birth, life, death, and resurrection are history but His return is prophecy.

### I. THE GLORY OF THE GRACE OF GOD!

Titus 2:11-13: In verse 11 the text magnifies the appearing of the grace of God personified in Jesus Christ. In verse 13 the text magnifies the appearing of the glory of God, personified in Jesus Christ. Matthew 17:1-8. Are you waiting for the blessed hope? Titus 2:13; Philippians 3:20-21. The apostle Paul compares this life with our future life: Romans 8:18-25. When our Lord Jesus Christ returns our salvation will find its completeness: 1 John 3:1-3. The blessed hope is glorious appearing of Jesus Christ: Titus 2:13. Jesus Christ return is a promise given to us in God's Word. Jesus first appearing brought about our immortality: 2 Timothy 1:10. Jesus second appearing will bring about Jesus Christ judging the living and the dead: 2 Timothy 4:1. Because of both appearing's of Jesus Christ we should live holy lives: 1 Timothy 6:14. Jesus Christ will be exalted at His Second coming: Titus 2:13. In the New Testament Jesus Christ is called great: Luke 1:32-33; Luke 7:16; Hebrews 13:20-21. Jesus Christ is clearly declared God in the New Testament: John 20:27-28; Hebrews 1:8-9; 2 Peter 1:1.

### II. THE GREATNESS OF HIS GRACE!

Titus 2:14: Jesus redeemed us as we were held captive to sin. Romans 6:17-18. Sin has power over mankind and sin has a penalty over mankind: Romans 6:23. We were the slaves of sin but now in Jesus Christ we are sons and daughters of God: Romans 6:18-23. When Jesus died for our sins He purified us for Himself and made us eager for good works. Titus 2:14. To purify is to cleanse from the defilement of sin. We are to become more like our Lord Jesus Christ: Hebrews 9:11-14; Titus 3:8.

### III. GOD'S GRACE LEADS US TO ZEAL FOR OUR LORD'S GLORY!

Every Christian should not only be good but also should be zealous of good works: Matthew 5:14-16. Why should we be eager for good works? It is because we have been redeemed. How can we do good works? By the Divine enablement of grace. What good works should we be doing? Ephesians 2:8-10. We are to be doing those good works that God planned in advance for us to do. The only way we can learn what those good works are that are Lord planned in advance for us to do is to be transformed by the renewing of our minds as we give ourselves to our God and study His Word. Romans 12:1-2