

Resources

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Titus 2:11-14 (Part 1)

[11] For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. (ESV)

Sermon Outline:

1. God's Grace For Salvation in Justification (11)
 2. God's Grace For Salvation in Sanctification (12)
 3. God's Grace For Salvation in Glorification (13)
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Life Group Leader Notes:



Weekly Discussion Guide

•This week's sermon was a powerful testimony to the power of grace. We'll get to the second part of the sermon next Sunday, but Pastor Scott stopped the sermon after the first point: *The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people*. What a powerful, life-changing / world-changing statement! I'm thankful that Pastor Scott stopped his sermon. We shouldn't brush past a statement like that too quickly.

I think it would be appropriate to frame the entire evening around the grace of God that has appeared in our lives.

-Spend some time talking about the grace of God in our own lives. A few questions to ask: When did the grace of God appear in your life? What was that like? What changed? How is that grace changing you now? Perhaps you could spend some time thanking God for specific moments of grace in your lives.

-Spend some time praying for people who do not yet have the grace of God in their lives. A few suggestions: pray for people by name. Prepare a few Bible verses to pray over people.

Here are a few discussion questions from the sermon in case you need a bit more structure. (I might include some of these next week as well since we will be discussing the same text).

•Pastor Scott said that the word *grace* is found in over 170 verses in the Bible. What are some of the verses that come to mind when you think of grace? (Here were a few mentioned in the sermon: Acts 15:11; Ephesians 1:7-8; Ephesians 2:8 -9; Romans 3:21-24).

•We tend to think of salvation as something that happened in the past, but this passage in Titus makes it clear that salvation is something that happened (justification), is happening (sanctification), and will happen (glorification). When we share our testimony, we tend to focus on the past. But perhaps you could each share your testimony highlighting past, present, and future points.

•At the end of the sermon, Pastor Scott spoke to kids who were raised in the church. Perhaps they cannot remember a time when they did not believe. And yet, each of us must make the decision to follow Jesus. (God does not have grandchildren). Are there any members of the group that were raised in the church? Perhaps they could share about when they decided to surrender their lives to Jesus and follow him. How can we minister to children who are being raised in the church now?

