



Day 8

Titus 2:11-13

Titus 2 says that God's grace does more than forgive us; it trains us. "The grace of God has appeared... training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age" (vv.11-12). How? By teaching us to wait for something.

We are "waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (v.13). Even if you don't feel like you're specifically waiting on something, every Christian is in a season of waiting—waiting for Christ's return, for the day when faith becomes sight, when the struggle with sin and sorrow is finally over.

So what do we do while we wait? We live trained by grace. We say "no" to sin.. We live self-controlled and upright. Titus is a letter written to a Christian in a radically sinful culture. The instructions for what to do are not about sitting idly by while waiting on God to rescue us. Instead, it's active.

Waiting on Jesus is active holiness fueled by future hope. The world says, "You only live once; indulge now." Christ says, "You will live forever with Me; so live godly now and store up eternal rewards."

Your waiting is not empty. While you wait, God's grace has appeared and is working on you, producing in you good things - to God be the glory!

Pray: "Lord Jesus, as I wait for Your appearing, let Your grace train me. Help me renounce sin and live a self-controlled, upright, godly life in this present age."