

TRANSFORMED LIVING

Titus 2:11-15

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The daily living of the Cretans needed transformation (Titus 1:12). So does ours (3:3). The repeated words in the short letter to Titus reveal HOW: “Savior,” “Doctrine/Teaching” (3x), “Work(s)/good works” (8x). The truths about our Savior transform our LIVING. Deeds display doctrine. Belief is the basis of Behavior. Faith produces works (Eph. 2:10). Grace inspires godliness... Chapter 2 called all ages groups to Gospel-transformed living (2:1, 2:10). Next (“for”), Paul unpacked this grace-inspired transformation process step by step.

- I. **RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE (2:11) ... Changed “from the outside in”** (S. Scott)
 - A. What Grace Is—undeserved kindness
 - B. What Grace Brings— *“bringing salvation”*
 - C. How Grace Came— *“appeared to all men”*
 1. The Incarnation of Jesus
 2. The Personal Application (by “The Faith of God’s Elect,” 1:1)
- II. **RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE (2:12-14) ... Changed “from the inside out”**
 - A. The Process of the Grace-Trained Life
 - B. The Pattern of the Grace-Trained Life
 1. Deny Wrong (*Renounce*)
 - a. *Ungodliness*
 - b. *Worldly Passions*
 2. Do Right (12b, put on, replace)
 - a. Right Discipline of Self (*Live self-controlled...*)
 - b. Right Relations with Others (*Upright*)
 - c. Right Attitude toward God (*Godly*)
 - d. Where? *In this present age...*
 3. Desire the Second Coming (11-13) *Changed “from the outside up”*
 - C. The Provision for the Grace-Taught Life (14)
 1. The Death of Christ
 - a. Voluntarily (*Gave*)
 - b. Personally (*Himself*)
 - c. Substitutionally (*For Us*)
 2. The Outcomes of the Death of Christ

1. Redemption (*Purchased to set free*)
2. Relation (*A People of His own possession*)
3. Purification (*To purify... a people... zealous for good works*)

III. PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE (2:15; 2 Cor. 5:17-21.)

- A. We have good news to share.
- B. We have God's authority behind us.

Receive God's grace... Respond to God's grace... Proclaim God's grace!

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. What area of your life needs to change? What truths from Titus 2:11-14 will help?
2. How does change "from the outside in" (salvation) lead to change "from the inside out" (sanctification)?

FOR NEXT TIME: Titus 3:1-3; Keep reading Titus every day!