

## **Jesus: Taste & See that the Lord is Good**

### **Jesus Is Returning**

**Titus 2:11-14**

The Lord is good and Jesus is Eternal, Incarnate, Perfect, Crucified, Alive, Ascendant, and ...Jesus is returning!

*"For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night...For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 5-6*

*"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 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." Titus 2:11-14*

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#### **I. The Grace of God in Jesus First Appearance – Titus 2:11-12**

##### **● He Brought Salvation, Available to All**

*"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13*

- **He Helped His Followers Resist Temptation** *"For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." Hebrews 2:18*
- **He Empowered His Followers to Live Righteously**

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10*

*"Grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life." Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

#### **II. Our Blessed Hope in Jesus' Final Appearance – Titus 2:13-14**

*"Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 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." Titus 2:13-14*

*"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.' And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'" Revelation 21:3-5a*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood*

*This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
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Fanny Crosby*

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It is true that Jesus coming back is very good news, but to those who don't know Jesus, the return of Jesus is not good news.

*"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels...And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'" Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46*

Anyone who receives the grace of God given through Jesus's first appearance, will get to live in the hope of God promised in his final appearance. So, there's only one thing left to do...

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