



The following is the summary of the Sunday sermon that is sent to the body at Steadfast in an email called "The Weekly"

Titus 2:11-15

A Spiritual Feast

Physical food can be motivation in one's life, as well as, foundational to life, growth, and health. Spiritual food acts in much the same way. It is necessary for life, growth, health and can also become a motivation. However, unlike physical food, you can never overindulge in spiritual food..

..God's grace! Titus 2:11-15 is one of the greatest sections of verses in the New Testament on God's grace and our salvation. God's grace has appeared to all men. By His grace, He offers salvation to all. Yet, most of the human race declines the offer! While God's grace has been manifested in a number of ways, the most magnificent way that His grace appeared was through the ministry, death, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. The past implication of God's grace is that it has appeared bringing salvation to all who believe in Him. God's grace has been at work for you and me before we were even born! It is by grace that we are saved through faith. Not only does God's grace through Jesus Christ save us, it also instructs us and empowers us to reject godlessness and embrace godliness! The present implication of God's grace is that it trains us in godliness, impacting our present behavior to represent Him well in this world. We can't live spiritually abundant lives in and of our own flesh. We need the spiritual fuel of God's grace to give us the energy and courage to say no to godlessness. We need the fuel of His grace to encourage us and empower us in the battles of life. There is also a future implication of God's grace. One of the motivations for godly living in the life of the believer is having the assured expectation that Christ is returning. Because of His grace we presently are on the lookout for our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. As you seek to apply this passage to your life, ask yourself these questions.

- Are you growing in your understanding of the magnitude of God's grace?
- Have you received the offer of God's grace through His Son Jesus Christ?
- If you have been saved by grace, are you allowing God's grace to train (instruct) you to deny godlessness and embrace godliness?

- Are you on the lookout for our great God and Savior Jesus Christ?
- Are you abusing God's grace? There are two abuses of God's grace: License and legalism. Both are wrong and destructive. To hear more, I encourage you to get online and listen to the message.

It's imperative that we meditate on the past, present, and future implications of God's grace!

Praise Him for all He's done for us!

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