



GRACE FOR

PURITY

Titus 2:11-12

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INTRODUCTION

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OUR VISION:

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ.



A large, dark silhouette of a church steeple with a cross on top, centered in the background. The steeple is illuminated from below, creating a warm glow. At the bottom center, there is a smaller, more detailed version of the steeple silhouette, also illuminated from below, with a warm orange glow. This smaller steeple is framed by a decorative, stylized orange and red geometric pattern that resembles a cross or a starburst. The background is a dark, textured gradient.

2023 - OUR YEAR OF GREAT GRACE

Acts 4:33 (ESV)

And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.



Definition of Purity

An absence of blemish or stain, especially sin. The state of being morally and spiritually pure, which is seen by Scripture as the result of being the people of God and also as an expected distinguishing mark of the Christians.



The four states of man by Augustine of Hippo:

- I. Before the Fall: able to sin, able not to sin (posse peccare, posse non peccare);
- II. After the Fall: not able not to sin (non posse non peccare);
- III. After Salvation: able not to sin (posse non peccare); and
- IV. After Glorification: unable to sin (non posse peccare).



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Hebrews 9:14 (ESV)

14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.





1 John 1:7 (ESV)

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.





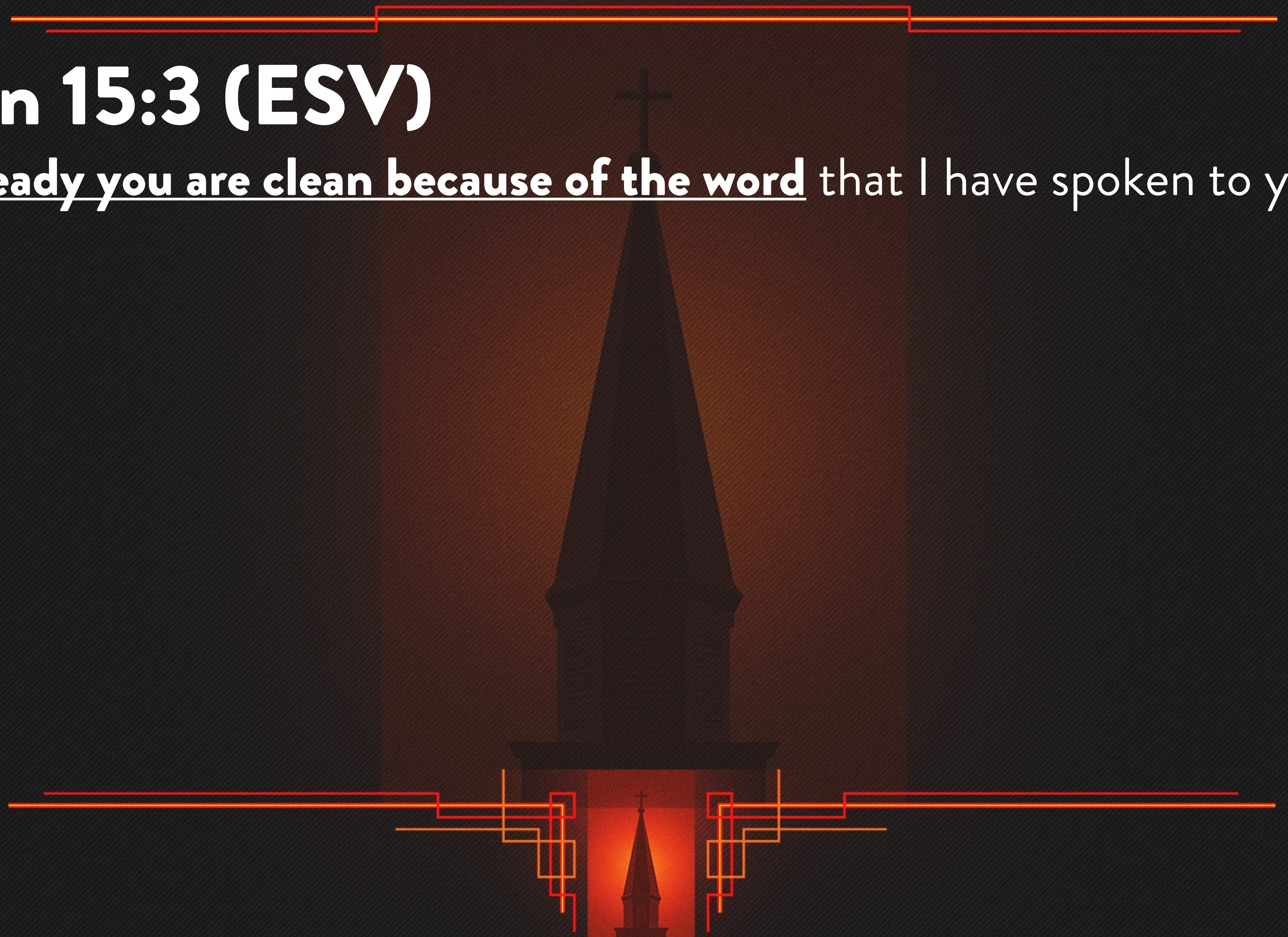
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John 15:3 (ESV)

3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.



John 13:10 (ESV)

10 Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.”



Psalm 119:9 (ESV)

9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.





Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.





WE EXPERIENCE PURITY
BY THE HOPE OF HIS COMING


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1 John 3:2–3 (ESV)

2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure



Revelation 19:7–8 (ESV)

7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure” — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.





WE EXPERIENCE PURITY
BY ENCOUNTERING HIS GRACE

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Romans 6:1–2 (ESV)

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?





Romans 6:15 (NIV)

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!



Romans 6:11 (NIV)

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.



Romans 6:11 (ESV)

11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.





Romans 6:11 (AMP)

11 Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.





Romans 6:11 (The Message)

From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.



Romans 6:11 (TEV)

11 In the same way you are to think of yourselves as dead, so far as sin is concerned, but living in fellowship with God through Christ Jesus.



Romans 6 DECLARATION

- a) My old self was crucified with Jesus (v6)
- b) The body of sin has been brought to nothing (v6)
- c) Sin cannot reign in my body (v12)
- d) Sin cannot make me obey its passions (v12)
- e) Sin has no dominion over me (v14)
- f) I am no longer a slave to sin (v6)



Romans 6 DECLARATION

- g) I am set free from sin (v7)
- h) I am buried with Christ by baptism into His death (v3)
- i) I have been brought from death to life (v13)
- j) I resurrected with Christ into a newness of life (v4)
- k) I shall present my members to God as instruments of righteousness (v13)



CONCLUSION

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Proverbs 22:11 (NKJV)

11 He who loves purity of heart *And has grace on his lips, The king will be his friend.*





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