



THE CHURCH'S HOPE

Titus 2:11-15



[11] For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] 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.

[15] Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Last Week

How to Live Righteously

- Self-Controlled
- Sober in Thought and Conduct
- Steadfast in our Purity
- Submissive to God and Each-Other in Love
- Servant-Workers

Why Live Righteously?

Outline

1. Because of What Came Before (Vs. 11)
2. Because of What is Now (Vs. 12)
3. Because of What Comes Next (Vs. 13)
4. Because of Who Jesus Is (Vs. 14)
5. Therefore, Let Us Live Righteously (Vs 15)

Because of What Came Before

*[11] For the **grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,***

- Jesus's life, death, and resurrection is the fullness of grace.
- Grace brought transformative salvation for all who believed.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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1. We live righteously because salvation transforms, not conforms.

Because of What is Now

*[12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to **live** self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age*

- God's presence is our salvation.
- The Holy Spirit is actively training and transforming us in this in-between time.

Ephesians 1:13-14

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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Because of What Comes Next

[13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

- This in-between time is characterized by actively waiting for Christ's return.
- Our salvation is complete when Christ returns.

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.



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3. We live righteously because the Son is returning for His own.

Because of Who Jesus Is

*[14] 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.***

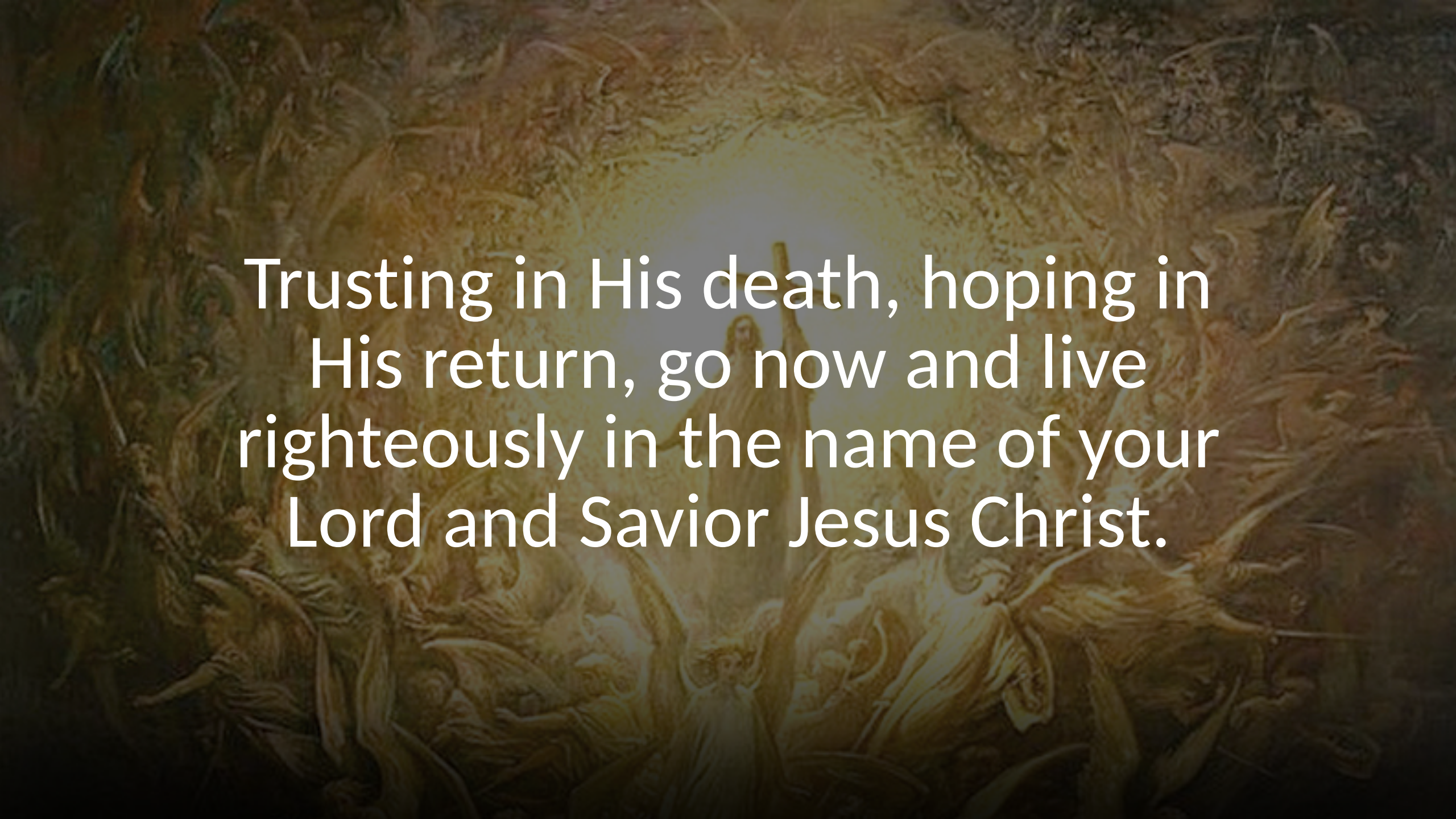
John 8:10-11

Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" [11] She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

- Christ's blood was shed to save us *from* our sins *for* Him, not *for* our sins *from* Him.

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3. We live righteously because the Son is returning for His own.
4. We live righteously because the Son's blood isn't cheap.

A religious painting depicting the Resurrection. Jesus Christ is shown rising from the tomb, standing upright with his right arm raised in a gesture of triumph. He is surrounded by soldiers in armor, some of whom are falling or in a state of shock. The scene is set in a dark, cavernous tomb with a large stone rolled away from the entrance. The overall color palette is warm and golden, with a strong light source illuminating the central figures.

Trusting in His death, hoping in
His return, go now and live
righteously in the name of your
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.