

Are you bringing honor to the word?  
" " beautifying the teachings of the word?

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STUDY #5 IN THE BOOK OF TITUS  
"The Platform of Godliness"

No Halloween &  
Thanks. in Ark.  
we took left & took  
The Turkey to wash.

TEXT: 2:11-15

- v.11 For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all men,
- v.12 instructing (disciplining) us that denying ungodliness and worldly desires we should live sensibly and righteously and godly in the present (now) age.
- v.13 Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus.
- v.14 Who gave Himself on our behalf in order that He might set us free from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.
- v.15 These things be speaking and exhorting and reproving with all authority. Let no one be looking down on you.

INTRODUCTION:

We have been pursuing the subject of Growth Toward Godliness. We have shared together in our first study the Process of Godliness. ① In the first verse we are told that it is "for the faith of God's chosen-out ones and a knowledge of truth which is according to godliness." The process herein described is from faith to food to fruit.

In the second study we saw a Picture of Godliness in verses 5-9 of chapter 1. There was quite an extensive description of the qualifications for leadership in the local church and we took these qualifications as a picture of godliness.

In the third study we saw the Perversion of Godliness. ③ The rebellious men and empty talkers and deceivers were those who had turned away from the truth. They were dishonest, selfish, and unmotivated; and as far as every good work is concerned, the apostle says, they are disapproved.

In the fourth study we noted together that the apostle addresses five different groups. Each of these groups are represented within the body of Christ, the church, and how they are to act is described in this section.

We now come to the fifth study. ⑤ And we are going to look at The Platform of Godliness. This is the foundation upon which the godly life is built. What is the basis for the godly life? What is the pathway that leads to that life? We will be noticing it together in these verses.

Platform

1. Go to church
2. Give Year Money
3. Serve on the board
4. teach a class

15 characters  
Liars  
Evil beasts  
Lazy Gluttons  
Older & Younger men  
Older & Younger women  
Slave-masters

I Process  
II Picture  
III Perversion  
IV Godliness in relationship  
V Platform of Godliness

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Service don't  
Make no saints!

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Getz points out "Paul's letter to Titus is of course a dramatic example of teaching people what is expected of Christians who have been redeemed by God's grace. In this letter Paul spells out, point by point, from beginning to end, those qualities of life that should accompany salvation. And just as God's grace in salvation is available to all kinds and classes of people, so Paul spells out a Christian lifestyle for all kinds and classes of people. In the paragraph before us, however, Paul brings together in a succinct form what God's grace should be teaching us as Christians. In a sense Paul is asking, How can I summarize all I have said about Christian living? and then gives his answer in this section. He answered the question from a negative and then a positive perspective."

Hayes points out "Grace teaching is first negative, then positive. Grace teaches that the believer is to deny both ungodliness and worldly lusts. Grace next teaches that the believer should live correctly in three spheres:

1. Soberly in respect to himself → Self
2. Righteously in respect to the world and all others → world
3. Godly in respect to god → God

If the three spheres of God, others, and self are properly adjusted in the Christian's life, then his earthly state will very nearly synchronize with his heavenly standing."

Waites points out "By way of summary of chapter 2:11-15 Paul is giving instructions to Titus concerning believers generally concerning their conduct in view of the grace of God:

1. This grace that alone brings salvation was manifested to all mankind by the cross of Christ.
2. This grace disciplines or educates believers continuously.
3. Grace teaches believers to live with a sound mental attitude and in a manner free from any suspicion of wrong doing to those with whom they associate; and with reverent piety toward God, having said no to desires for ungodly things and passionate longings connected with this life.

The believer should be eagerly and momentarily looking for and anticipating the happy hope of the coming manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ, our great God and Saviour.

5. The Lord Jesus Christ on the cross gave himself in the place and for the benefit of sinners so that He might release them by this ransom from all lawlessness. Christ also redeemed the believers in him in order that he might make clean for himself a people specially selected for his purpose who would also eagerly desire good and noble works.

Can't Per Form before  
Then After ward

Top Priority  
For Today!

Rom. 11:6 "But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace."  
How does God's Grace provide for Godliness?  
I Always thought you had to legislate a Godly life style.

Grace is Not only the basis for Salvation but also for Godliness.

TOPIC	REF #	TEXT
Finishing	290-04	<p>We stood at attention at midfield as the national anthem played and a squadron of jets roared overhead. During the introductions, Mia reached over and slapped my shinguards—our longtime tradition. I remember a distinct feeling of calm filling me with a heightened sense of awareness. <i>This is it! The very last World Cup game of my career!</i> I wanted to soak it all in: the crowd, the anthem, the look on the Chinese faces, Mia and Julie Foudy standing on either side of me, our bench cheering us on, everything.</p> <p>I remember telling myself, <i>You've got ninety minutes left. It's time to blow it out. Gotta score early and then hold the lead.</i></p> <p>Play. Score. Win. Go home. That was my personal game strategy.</p> <p>pp. 30-31</p>



7. Titus was to continue speaking the foregoing things as well as exhorting and reproofing where necessary in the most authoritative manner possible.

8. Titus was to stop letting anyone out-think him and thus despise him."

v.11 For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all men

The last group that the apostle spoke to in our previous study was to the bondslaves. From a negative point of view in verse 10 he says, "They are not to be pilfering, but showing all good faith in order that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in every respect." And now here in verse 11 he gives a reason why they are to be adorning the doctrine of God: "For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all men."

Your godly life verifies the Grace of God.

As a result of what happened in the Garden of Eden with man's sin, God had one of two alternatives. He could either act in grace or He could act in justice and judgment.

The fact that He acted in grace is manifested by the fact that He obligated Himself unconditionally to a covenant through Abraham, and through that covenant formed the nation Israel. Out of that nation His son the Lord Jesus Christ comes into the world to redeem man.

Grace Past At The Cross.

Grace For the Present + Grace to come back & get us!

That the apostle is referring to here as the platform or foundation to all of the godly lifestyle that is going to be talked about in this passage is the grace of God has appeared. And that grace is the appearance of Jesus Christ upon the scene.

X-mas Time All Year Round in God's house

He it is who is bringing salvation to all men.

He Came And He brought A gift For everybody!!

2 Peter 3:9 says "The Lord is not slack concerning his promises as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

He's going to give it to you if you want it!!

Why are they to adorn the doctrine of God? Why are they to be living the godly life? Because salvation through Jesus Christ has been brought and has been made available to all men. The way it is going to be seen by all men is in the lives of each of these groups that have just been mentioned in the previous verses.

Grace ① Past calvary

② Present

ICor 12:9

③ Future

ICor 13:2

Hendriksen points out "God's grace is his active favor bestowing the greatest gift upon those who have deserved the greatest punishment. This grace has penetrated our moral and spiritual darkness. It has appeared. The verb used in the original is related to the noun 'epiphany'."

If we concentrated more on our practice & less on our preaching, I'm convinced many more would come to Christ.

what you see is what you get!! - world  
No what I tell you!!  
God - what you see Not see  
is what you get

Reason why we are to be beautifying the teachings by our godly lives!!

Buying something Paid For selling something Free...

Bringing

don't have it!! can't earn it!!

Salvation seen in the Five Groups

Abundant life be & see together



Double Rainbow  
in the west  
At Trail West

Sun - East  
Covenant  
w/ Noah!

# Appearing

that is, 'appearing or manifestation,' for example, of the sun at sunrise. Upon those sitting in the darkness and in the shadow of death the grace of God has suddenly dawned. It had arisen when Jesus healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, cast out demons, raised the dead, suffered for man's sins, and laid down his life for the sheep in order to take it again on resurrection morning. Thus grace had shed on the world Christ's holy light and had chased the dark night of sin away. The Son of righteousness has arisen with healing in his wings. The grace of God has appeared providing salvation for all men.

**v.12** instructing (disciplining) us that denying ungodliness and worldly desires we should live sensibly and righteously and godly in the present (now) age.

Norma

The grace of God trains us in certain areas. It trains us negatively about denying ungodliness and worldly desires and positively how we should live. That is, sensibly, righteously and godly at this present time.

As a result of coming to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and experiencing his salvation, we are taught in several critical areas, two which are negative and three which are positive.

It is our purpose now to scrutinize these areas wherein we are instructed or disciplined.

Teachable Attitude  
Submissive Spirit  
Obedient Heart

Hendriksen points out "Grace trains. The verb used in the original language is from the same stem as is the noun pedagogue. A pedagogue leads children step by step. Thus grace, too, gently leads and guides. It does not throw things into confusion. It does not suddenly and forcefully upset the social order. For example it does not abruptly order masters to free their slaves, nor does it unwisely command slaves to rebel forthwith against their masters. On the contrary, it gradually causes masters to see that the encroachment upon the liberty of their fellows is a great wrong. And it convinces slaves that resort to force and vengeance is not the solution to every problem. Grace trains by teaching, chastening, counseling, comforting, encouraging, admonishing, guiding, convicting, rewarding, and restraining. The purpose of all this is stated first negatively, then positively, which is a Pauline style characteristic. Negatively, it induces us to renounce or reject ungodliness. When grace takes over the sinner repudiates ungodliness. This repudiation is a definite act, a decision to give up that which is displeasing to God. No one sleeps his way into heaven. Rejecting ungodliness implies the renunciation of those worldly passions, strong sinful desires as well.

Let's look first at the way we are instructed by the grace of God negatively:

Denying ungodliness

- ① Conviction
- ② Daniel 1:8

Sensitive to the voice of the Spirit learning to say "No"

1 Cor. 7:1 Ps. 139: 23, 24

Living + Loving in close relationship changes our lives.

2-  
3+  
One of the keys to Christian growth is a teachable spirit  
Heb. 12: Discipline

James 1:2  
Deem it Pure Joy!!

Heb. 12:1, 2  
lay aside every weight which entangles us.

Do what is right  
have what is kind  
Believe what is true



# Rom 7: O wretched man... The Spirit.

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This means saying no to the old nature that wars within our hearts and lives.

\* Galatians 5:16,17 "So I say, Live by the spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the spirit and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other so that you do not do what you want."

Storage  
+  
its Contact

\* Romans 6:13 "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

Spiritual  
on the Unit

\* 1 Corinthians 9:27 "I treat my body <sup>Buffer</sup> roughly and make it serve me, lest when I have preached to others, I myself might be disqualified."

\* 2 Corinthians 7:1 "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Saying No  
to the Flesh

\* Psalm 119:9,11 "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."

\* 1 John 3:3 "Everyone that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure."

2. Our text goes on to say, "and worldly desires."

A. Power  
B. Popularity  
C. Pride - Money - things

I Jn 2:15/6

\* Matthew 6:31-34 "So do not worry, saying, What shall we eat or what shall we drink or what shall we wear? for the pagans run after all these things. And your heavenly father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Creepy  
Crawlers

\* Luke 12:19,20 "And I'll say to myself, You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry. But God said to him, You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

We are not only to be denying ungodliness in our behavior, but denying worldly desires in our thought life, for it is out of those desires that the actions of ungodliness come.

ungod = Actions  
desires = Attitudes

I Jn. 2:15

II Cor. 10:5

II Tim. 4:10

ISA. 55:



We have looked at the ways we are trained by the grace of God once we come to know Christ and from the negative perspective we are to be denying ungodliness and worldly desires.

From the positive point of view there are three things:

1. We should live sensibly,
2. righteously,
3. and godly in the present (now) age.

On the negative side we are denying the ungodliness and worldly desires, but now we are going to look at the three positive characteristics,

1. The first of which, he says we should 'live sensibly.'

This is the fourth time that we have seen the apostle use this word right here in the second chapter.

It is used of the older men, of the young women, of the young men and now in these all-inclusive statements, Paul under divine inspiration returns to this word here in verse 12.

This is just the opposite of what we saw back in chapter 1:15 under The Perversion of Godliness as he was speaking there of the defiled and unbelieving, he says, "Their mind and their conscience are defiled."

It is out of the mind that the conduct and actions come. It is absolutely necessary that there is a change in mind. Paul, in writing to the Philippians says, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ." *"As a man is Thinking in his heart, so is he."*

This word refers to one who is reasonable, sensible, and is serious and keeps one's head. It is a person who exercises good judgment and who shows self-control.

A person with a good sound mind will reflect the qualities of godliness in his life as the spirit implants the seeds of the word of God within that mind.

It is the disciplined mind that produces the disciplined lifestyle.

Isaiah 55:8,9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the well-spring of life."

*The Mind has become balanced by Grace + is free from its former senseless follies*

*to think right is to Act right*

*The More The word is implanted in our Thoughts we More Godly we become*



2. The next word is "and righteously."

This characteristic points godward.

~~Romans 1:17~~ "For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written, The righteous will live by faith."

Having come to know Jesus Christ, we are imputed with a perfect righteousness from God. It is the garment in which we stand redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

A manifestation of that righteousness which is ours through the gift of His Son is something that will begin to manifest itself in this present age. Our lives should begin to show the righteousness which has been granted by an act of God's grace.

3. The third word that is used is "and godly in the present or now age."

The apostle has had much to say about the godly lifestyle. We have seen the process of it by the inception of truth in study #1, a picture of it in study #2, and the perversion of it in study #3. Then we have seen how this godly life shows up in study #4.

In summarizing this 12th verse Lenski points out "The positive side is that we live sober mindedly and righteously and godly in the present age, regenerated by grace, we live a new and totally different life which is here characterized by three adverbs over against the two preceding nouns. The arrangement seems to be chiastic. The ungodliness - godly, at the extremes, the other terms between sobermindedly runs through the preceding verses: 1:8; 2:2; 2:4,5,6. The mind has become balanced by grace and is free of the former senseless follies. This is apparent to men. Righteously means so that God's judgment approves the life we live, which takes us into His sight. Finally, the highest feature of all, godly--that is, truly pious in worship and in communion with God--the opposite of the ungodliness. The worldly lusts even men regard as vicious. Sobermindedness is the opposite of these for lusts carry away while soberness makes steady. The worldly lusts bear their mark of condemnation. Righteous living is again the opposite, for it has God's approval."

V.13 Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus.

Whereas we have the past in v. 11, 'the grace of God has appeared' and the present in verse 12 'the disciplining of us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires, to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age', we have the future in verse 13.

Future Manifestation of Grace wow!!  
He's Coming back to take me home...

Inward - Sensibly  
Upward - Right.  
Outward - Godly

Becky  
Bobby - Safety in Multitude...  
Andy - God will Supply Grace  
V.11 - Past  
V.12 - Present  
V.13 - Future

the body

Rom 12:2  
"Don't Allow the World Around You to Squeeze You into its mould..."

Faith - Food - Fruit



As far as the future is concerned, we are to be looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus.

*✱* 1 John 3:3 "Everyone that has this hope purifies himself, even as he is pure."

One of the great motivational factors to pure clean living is the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

Lenski is pointing out that "After all this discussion we should not fail to absorb Paul's full meaning. We Christians live the lives we do because our Saviour God's boundless grace has saved us and kept educating us to live such lives and because we ourselves in this present age look forward to another age when our great hope, the appearing of the glory of Jesus Christ shall at last arrive. Then he who in his own person is our God and Saviour will come in all his glory in his second coming which shall transcend all that we are able to imagine."

Barclay points out "The dynamic of this new life is the expectation of the coming of Jesus Christ. When a royal visit is expected, everything is cleansed and decorated and made fit for the royal eye to see. The Christian is the man who is always prepared for the coming of the King of Kings."

Whereas we have salvation in verse 11, the godly life in verse 12, we have the culmination in the Saviour's coming in verse 13.

We are to be looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory.

These are one and the same event. The blessed hope is the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus.

*Jn 14* Jesus told the disciples in the Upper Room not to be troubled in their hearts. "They believed in God, believe also in Me, for in my Father's house are many dwellingplaces. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am going to come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there you may be also."

*✱* 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.

In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

*Donald,  
would you like  
to be caught...  
God is  
back & boy  
is He Mad...*



When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come through, Death has been swallowed up in victory."

1 Thessalonians 4:16,17 "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God; and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever."

What we are looking for right now is the next prophetic event on God's calendar. The certainty of it happening is underscored in the promises of the scriptures. That event is the rapture of the church.

It is the resurrection of those who have died in Jesus Christ and the taking home in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, transformed with new bodies, those believers who still are alive and remain upon the earth.

Hal Lindsey in his book The Late Great Planet Earth points out that "Jesus said" this would indicate that He was at the door, ready to return. Then He said, 'Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.' (Matthew 24:34) What generation? Obviously, in context, the generation that would see the signs, chief among them, the rebirth of Israel. A generation in the Bible is something like 40 years. If this is a correct deduction, then within 40 years or so of 1948 all these things could take place. Many scholars who have studied Bible prophecy all their lives believe that this is so."

During the early fall, it seems, of every year hurricanes frequently strike the southeast and the Texas Gulf coast. Many hours before the hurricane strikes the weather bureau issues warnings to areas likely to be devastated. And as the storm approaches, tides and winds begin to rise and the weather grows more ominous. The miles per hour of the wind blowing are charted and continued to be broadcast. During this time people are boarding up windows, mooring their boats, storing food and water. They make every preparation for the winds, rain and high tides. Only a fool would not prepare for the storm because so many signs of its approach are apparent. In the same way the signs of our age and the increasing world problems indicate that Christ's coming is drawing near. In light of this, the Christian who refuses to prepare for Christ's coming is unbelievably foolish. And so is the Christian who is not looking for it and living in a godly and righteous fashion.

Oil - Nations - Shortages - earthquakes -  
Tsunamis

Islam - Iran - Egypt - Syria

Prepare

Delta Dawn

Space Program  
Rev. 3  
Laodicea

Could Happen

Before Next  
Week's Study



am reminded of that country song, popular in the late 70s, "DELTA DAWN";

Verse 1:

She's forty-one and her daddy still calls her baby.  
All the folks around Brownsville say she's crazy,  
Cause she walks downtown with a suitcase in her hand  
Lookin' for a mysterious dark-haired man.

Verse 2:

In her younger days they called her Delta Dawn.  
Prettiest woman you ever laid eyes on.  
Then a man of low degree stood by her side  
And promised her he'd take her for his bride.

Chorus:

Delta Dawn, what's that flower you have on?  
Could it be a faded rose from days gone by?  
And did I hear you say  
He was a-meetin' you here today  
To take you to his mansion in the sky?

Lord Jesus Christ, the One who has promised the things  
this book, is faithful and true; and He is coming again  
take us to His mansion in the sky.

#468 Sweet by & By



It was Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, who once stated, "God has not told me to reform the whole world. The world is like a sinking ship which cannot be kept from going down. But God has given me a lifeboat and said, 'Moody, save everyone off that ship you can. Our chief task is to save everyone we can.'"

Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter gives this illustration of the second coming of Christ: "A Scotsman and his two sons were returning from a fishing trip. The younger son said, 'I can see her now, my precious wife, waiting at home for me. Oh yes, she is indeed a faithful one.' The older son said, 'My wife will not only be waiting, but she will be perched on the windowsill watching for me to come home. That is what I call faithfulness.' The father Scotsman said, 'Sons, I can show you where your mother, bless her dear heart, excels them both. She will not only be waiting and watching for me to come home, but she will be fixing my dinner as well.' We should be watching, waiting, and working until our Lord comes."

"When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,  
and the morning breaks eternal bright and fair.  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise  
and the glory of His resurrection share.  
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,  
and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn to setting sun, Let us talk  
of all His wondrous love and care,  
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done,  
and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."

v. 14 Who gave Himself on our behalf in order that He might set us free  
from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His  
own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Here in this 14th verse you have a summary of the past, the present,  
and the future. Who in the past gave Himself on our behalf with the  
purpose that in the present He might set us free from every lawless  
deed and purify for Himself a people--a people in the future who are  
going to be His own possession, zealous for good deeds. The 'who'  
refers to Christ Jesus of verse 13 and He gave himself on our behalf.

He has not only appeared, but He also acted. And that action involved  
the giving of Himself on our behalf.

Jesus Christ

Past - Gave  
Present - set us free + purify  
Future - His own possession. Twice His



Isaiah the prophet predicted this in Isaiah 53:4-6 -

\* "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,  
yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for  
our iniquities and the chastisement of our peace was upon  
him, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep  
have gone astray. We have turned everyone to his own way  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquities of us all."

\* 2 Corinthians 5:21 "God made him who had no sin to be sin for  
us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

\* 1 Peter 2:21ff

"To this you were called because Christ suffered for you,  
leaving you an example that you should follow in His  
steps."

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth;  
When they hurled their insults at him he did not retaliate;  
when he suffered, he made no threats; instead he entrusted  
himself to him who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree so that we  
might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his  
wounds you have been healed.

For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have re-  
turned to the Shepherd and the Overseer of your souls."

The purpose for His going to the cross and giving of himself is  
stated in this 14th verse. It is a three-fold purpose:

1. First, 'in order that he might set us free from every law-  
less deed.'
2. 'purify for Himself a people for His own possession'
3. 'zealous for good deeds'

1. The first is 'He might set us free from every lawless deed.'

John 8:32 "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you  
free."

He breaks the power of Canceled Sin + Set the Prisoner free

Jesus Christ, by His death upon the cross, has set us free from the  
penalty and the power of sin.

The potential for the godly life is resident in the work of the cross.  
He has by his death upon the cross not only broken sin's power, but  
has set us free from its domination and control by that death. We  
now can choose to yield our lives in submission and obedience to  
the word of God and to the power of the Spirit and see the godly life  
result.

Salvation  
Set free

Breaks the  
Power of O.N.



Whereas on the negative side he has set us free, on the positive side:

2. 'He is purifying for Himself a people for His own possession'

The death of Christ upon the cross is not only setting us free from every lawless deed, but that same death upon the cross is the basis for godly living for the purifying for himself a people for his own possession.

### Object of the training process of the Grace of God

Ephesians 5:25-27 "Husbands love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word and to present her to himself as a radiant church without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish but holy and blameless."

3. The third purpose in giving is that these for whom he is giving himself to set them free and purify them for himself are to be 'zealous for good deeds.'

It is a people who are to be enthusiastic and excited about doing good things. The thing that is in back of the good deeds is a servant's heart, delighting in helping others.

Hendriksen points out "In summary verses 11-14 teach us that the reason why every member of the family should live a life of self-mastery, fairness and devotion is that the grace of God in Christ has penetrated our moral and spiritual darkness and has brought salvation to all men. That this grace is also our great pedagogue who leads us away from ungodliness and worldly passions and guides us along the path of holiness. That it is the effective preparer who causes us to look forward with eagerness to the appearing in glory of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus. And finally, that it is the thorough going purifier so that redeemed from all disobedience to God's law we become Christ's peculiar treasure filled with a zest for excellent deeds."

v.15 These things be speaking and exhorting and reproving with all authority. Let no one be looking down on you.

"These things" refers to the statements made in verses 11-14.

The apostle is to be doing three things:

1. He is to be speaking
2. and exhorting
3. and reproving with all authority.

That authority comes from the Spirit of God who has inspired the word of God, and he is also not to let anyone look down upon him.

We do so much of this Set Free to Service + Skip the Purifying Process!!

Thrilled About Service

Notice it is last

- ① Set Free
- ② Purifying
- ③ Service

Sanctification  
I Jn. 3:3  
# 7:1

Servants  
Love You More  
if you let me  
Make the bed!



He will be fulfilling these three functions with both his lip and his life. He speaks and exhorts and reproves with his lip and by his life he lets no one look down upon him.

~~1~~ Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."

The whole platform for godliness appears in these verses. It is by the fact that Jesus Christ is come, bringing salvation to all men that the plan for the godly life can be presented through faith in Jesus Christ.

Once having received the gift of Christ we are disciplined on the negative side to deny ungodliness and worldly desires. On the positive side, to live sensibly, righteously and godly.

The future ramifications of this life are the blessed hope in the appearing of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus. And it is he who gave himself so that he might set us free from every lawless deed and purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

The apostle then challenges Titus with his responsibility in the closing verse. In light of all of these great things, he is to be speaking and exhorting and reproving, using these things as the basis of his message. And his manner of life is to be such that no one will be looking down upon him.

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Honoring the word  
Beautifying the teachings

#### CONCLUSION:

There are a number of lessons that come out of this particular study:

LESSON #1: Salvation is a free gift offered to all men. → He came and brought you a gift.

LESSON #2: The grace of God disciplines us in the pursuit of godliness.

LESSON #3: The coming of Jesus Christ is a great motivating factor toward godliness.

LESSON #4: Christ came to earth for the purpose of giving himself on our behalf.



LESSON #5: We are a people for his own possession.

F. B. Meyer in his book The Directory of a Devout Life says "The mother of St. Augustine prayed to God that he would not suffer her beloved son to go to Rome because she dreaded the persecutions which were threatening the city. He went, notwithstanding, and it was in Italy that he found Christ. Referring to this incident in his life in after years he said, 'What was it, O my God, that she sought of Thee with many tears? Was it not that thou wouldst not suffer me to set sail for Rome? But thou in thy deep counsels and in listening to the hinge of her desire, didst disregard the thing which she asked for, that thou mightest do in me that which she was ever asking, the conversion of my soul.'"

Perhaps God is wanting to do this very thing in your life right now at the conclusion of this study which forms the platform for the godly life.

Rev. MacGee - old minister - trad. of Church:  
They came looking for something and had to go  
somewhere else to find it.



March 31  
Saturday

## BE PREPARED

READ:  
Romans 5:1-11

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Having now been  
justified by His blood,  
we shall be saved from  
wrath through Him.  
—Romans 5:9

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THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR:  
■ 1 Kings 5-7

Just as her friends were doing, my daughter Melissa was busily preparing for adulthood. At school, she was getting ready for college by taking the right courses and had signed up for the ACT college entrance test.

Outside of class, Melissa was learning the socialization skills it takes to get along with people by spending time with friends, classmates, and teammates. At her job, she was learning the relational skills needed for a future career of work. At home, Melissa was preparing for future family life by experiencing the way a Christian family would interact.

Getting ready for life as an adult takes work, and Melissa was making good progress.

But none of that preparation was what she would need. In 2002, when she died in a car accident at age 17, the only preparation that mattered was her readiness for heaven.

When the truest test of preparedness came so suddenly on that beautiful June evening—when eternity's door opened for Melissa—she was prepared. She had put her faith in Jesus and trusted His sacrifice on the cross for her sins (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8-9).

When she faced the ultimate test of being prepared, Melissa was ready. Are you? —Dave Branon

*God's time is now, for the days fly fast,  
And swiftly the seasons roll;  
Today is yours, it may be your last;  
Choose life for your priceless soul!* —Fithian

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**If death comes today,  
will you be prepared to meet God?**



## INTRODUCTION:

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that the teller's name is Patricia Whack. So he says, "Ms. Whack, I'd like to get a loan to buy a boat and go on a long vacation."

Patti Looks at the frog in disbelief and asks how much he wants to borrow. The frog says \$30,000.

The teller asks his name and the frog says that his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's OK, he knows the bank manager.

Patti explains that \$30,000 is a substantial amount of money and that he will need to secure some collateral against the loan. She asks if he has anything he can use as collateral.

The frog says, "Sure, I have this," and produces a tiny pink porcelain elephant, about half an inch tall. Bright pink and perfectly formed. Very confused, Patti explains that she'll have to consult with the manager and disappears into the back office.

She finds the manager and says: "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000. And he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what the heck is this?"

(Are you ready for this .....???)

The bank manager looks back at her and says:

"It's a knick knack, Patti Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

(Received via e-mail from Vicky Hollon, May 8, 2000)



(An Encyclopedia of Humor by Lowell D. Streiker)

In our area, there are a lot of football addicts. I was seated next to one—a lady—at a football game not too long ago. There was an empty seat beside her.

"It was my husband's, but he died," she explained. "Oh, I'm sorry," I said. Then as an afterthought I asked, "Isn't there someone else in the family who could use the ticket?"

"No," she replied, "They're all at the funeral."

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*Lost Charles Schulz This week!!*

(The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart: And 1,501 Other Stories by Charles R. Swindoll)

*Two Tributes!* \* **CHARLES SCHULZ**, in one of his "Peanuts" cartoons, shows Lucy and Linus looking out the window, watching it rain. Lucy begins the conversation:

**Lucy:** Boy, look at it rain . . . what if it floods the whole world?

**Linus:** It will never do that . . . In the ninth chapter of Genesis, God promised Noah that this would never happen again, and the sign of that promise is the rainbow. (14)

**Lucy:** You've taken a great load off my mind . . .

**Linus:** Sound theology has a way of doing that!

—Robert L. Short, *Parables of Peanuts*

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A PRECOCIOUS little ten-year-old asked her grandmother, "Grandma, how old are you?" "Well, honey, when you're my age, you don't share your age with just anybody." "Please, I won't tell." "No, it's my secret." About twenty minutes passed and the little girl bounced in and said, "You're sixty-two and you weigh one-hundred forty pounds." The astonished grandmother said, "How in the world do you know that?" "Easy," she replied, "I looked at your driver's license on the table and did the math. I also saw you got an 'F' in sex." (15)

—James Hewett, *Illustrations Unlimited*

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