

Title: What Grace Teaches Us

Text: Titus 2:11-15

Take your Bibles, please, and turn to Titus chapter 2. Titus chapter 2. *Last week - How To Be Saved - on week - what happens when*  
 The subject, today, is WHAT GRACE TEACHES US? *Living the Christian life*

I don't know of any passage in the Bible that is as <sup>clear</sup> ~~important~~ as this passage concerning <sup>this</sup> ~~our~~ topic. It seems to me that there is a battle that develops in one's christian life, between the joy of walking in the grace of our Lord, and yet, the freedom that sometimes causes ~~you~~ <sup>us</sup> to step over the line. And to become wordly in your attitudes and your actions. (And here, the Apostle Paul writes to Titus, who was responsible to several churches, and tells him that the grace of God teaches us <sup>important</sup> ~~things~~ <sup>in Living The Christian Life</sup> And it may surprise you what it teaches. Because to a lot of people, to talk about grace means: that there are no standards. To a lot of people to speak of grace means that you can do almost anything you want to do. And the Lord is going to forgive you. SO, WHAT DOES THE GREACE OF GOD REALLY TEACH US? And here we have a clear passage.

Titus chapter 2 beginning with Vs 11.. (READ Vs 11-15)

### PRAYER

GRACE GIVES TO US WHAT WE DO NOT DESERVE. We are saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8 says "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that (referring back to grace) that not of ourselves, it is a gift of God."

We are saved by grace. Grace <sup>gives</sup> ~~gives~~ to us what we do not deserve. But, what does grace teach us? If you really understand: the grace of God, that He has saved you and you didn't do anything about it, it is the exact opposite of works, according to Romans. But, just what does that mean?

Does that mean because you are not saved by works, that some how you can do whatever you want to do? That God will grant automatic forgiveness and excuse what you have done and let you get away with it? *I don't think so*  
~~No way.....~~

I want you to notice something in verse 11. The word "appeared" is the same word "appearing" in vers 13. It is a word which means "putting it on display". Now, he says in verse 11 that God's grace has been put on display when he brought salvation to us.

And then in Vs 13 it says that one day Jesus Christ was going to be put on display when he comes again. There are two "displays" in this text. One, in verse 11, is the first coming of Jesus Christ. Two, in Vs 13, is the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Also, in verse 11, the word "salvation" (in the Greek is a adjective that modifies "grace." Literally what it is saying is "saving grace." Salvation modifies the word "grace." And it belongs to all men. So, literally this verse reads that saving grace has appeared ( this refers to Jesus Christ), and it is for all ~~men~~ <sup>people</sup>.

What is the grace of God? It is grace that brings salvation. It is saving grace.

And how far does it go? It goes to all men. And it has now appeared. It is on display, he says. Who put it on display? Who brought this salvation to us? JESUS CHRIST. That is why it says in Vs 13 "looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of our great God, Jesus Christ." And this of course is talking about His second coming.

*You need to keep that in mind. Because*  
Now, ~~if you look at this text in this way~~, what it is saying is: from the first coming of ~~Christ~~ <sup>Jesus</sup>, when the ~~grace~~ <sup>grace</sup> of God appeared, to the second coming of Christ, when he will appear again, this grace teaches us something during this period of time. This period of time between his first and second coming. Which is, as it is called at the end of Vs 12.. "the present age."

~~The~~ <sup>This</sup> present age.. from the first coming of Christ to the second coming of Christ.. has the grace of God teaching us ~~something~~ <sup>some very important principles</sup>. *What are they?*

The word "teaching" is a word which means "to train or discipline." It is translated "instruction" at the beginning of Vs 12. It is referring to a child who is under the discipline and instruction of his parents.

The Bible teaches that God's saving grace that came to all men through Jesus Christ disciplines or instructs us to believe some very serious things.

Now, if you would like to put together an outline, I believe in this text there are four things that we should consider.

(1) Number one, at the beginning of Vs 12 God's grace teaches us that there are sinful practices that we should avoid in our life

If you understand, what you have been saved too, then you understand that God wants you to stay away from sinful practices. And he describes that in Vs 12 when he says "deny". Deny, stay away from, have nothing to do with two things: "ungodliness" and "worldly desires."

Now, what is he talking about? The sinful practices that we are suppose to avoid.

(1 ) Number one, ungodliness. It is interesting in both cases of ungodliness and worldly desires, you have the definite article "the" in front of each one. What it is saying is: "THE UNGODLINESS".

What is " ungodliness?" It is a lack of reverence towards God. It is probable the best word to describe "secularism." It is thinking about "things" without consultation with God., or without a sensitivity towards God. *It is history to stop using God's name - with no sensitivity*  
Now, according to the Bible; what grace teaches you, when you really come to know the Lord, is to make sure you think about God all the time. Everything is to be related to who God is. So, you avoid all kinds of thoughts and philosophies and ideas that are secular in nature and have no reverence for God. So, ~~secularism~~ <sup>ungodliness</sup> is one practice we are to avoid. A lack of reverence toward God.

And have you ever seen a day like this day and age where there is such a wide spread lack of reverence toward God, himself? Or, even considering God at all. And a lot of us leave church on Sunday, and are exposed all week long to nothing but secularism. And yet the Bible says that God's grace teaches us to stay away from that. To have nothing to do with it. And yet, you and I know that we are going to be exposed to it all week long. The Bible says "deny ~~the~~" ungodliness." This sum total of this lack of reverence towards God. And ignoring Him in your life. Don't have anything to do with it.

(2 ) The second thing He tells us to avoid is "wordly desires." Pure and simple we are talking "heathenism" here.

Turn, please, to I John chapter 2. I John chapter 2. Are you being instructed by the grace of God? *or you getting your instruction from people.* Certainly not by other people. Although that becomes the normal style in most churches. In other words, other christians let you know what you should do or not do. Have you noticed that?

In fact, they will often tell you, if not give you a look that indicates whether you have done right or wrong. Well, that is people teaching you. I just ask you, what has God's grace taught you? You have come to know the Lord, who has that taught you?

Now, notice, I John 2 verse 15...(Read Vs 15-17)

In Titus 2 it says that when you really get ahold of God's saving grace it disciplines you and teaches you to stay away from worldly desires.

Now, I don't want to insult your ignorance.....Or, your intelligence for that matter. But, let me ask you a question.

If you are a real born again christian, is there any doubt in your mind that you should stay away from wordly desires? Absolutely Not.

But, you see we have two problems with this. One, identifying what we are talking about when we say "wordly desires." And number two, knowing that I should stay away from it, doesn't mean that I am staying away from it.

And so I have a problem of practicing what I say I believe. Now, according to the Bible, if I have really come to know the Lord, God's saving grace, if you have really come to know Christ, it disciplines you, it teaches you, it exposes the fact that secularism is wrong...ignoring God, no reverance for Him, and it also teaches you that heathenism is wrong...worldly desires..

But you don't know that and still be involved in that. The text says that the lust or desires of the world is passing away. It is not going to last. So, why do we get involved with it? Because it often makes promises to us that thought it doesn't deliever, we think it will deliever. That it some how will met a need, or satisfy us, or satisfy an interest. Or, we want to be accepted by our pear group, or something else. And because of that the lust, the desires of the world, the world of unbelief, all of a sudden becomes attractive to us. So, we try to walk the fense, ~~so~~ to speack. We have one foot in the world. And we have one foot in Christ. But, God's saving grace never teaches us that. So, it couldn't be our relationship to the Lord that caused that. The Bible says that the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life is not of the father, but it is of the world.

Turn back to Ephesians chapter 4. We didn't learn this from Jesus Christ, if that is what we are doing. Eating up the worlds attitudes. Doing what they do. It is kind of interesting to me that one of the favorite terms of the world is "TO PARTY". "Let's Party." The suggestion of the word "Party" is that we are having a good time. To "Party" often means "drugs" Often means "sex". Sometimes it means just fooling around doing nothing. But, it is interesting that in the English the word "Party" means to celebrate or have a good time.

But, according to God's Word there is absolutely nothing in the context of the word Party today that has anything to do with celebration or having a good time. According to the Bible, it is the total opposite of what we learn when we come to know the Lord. And one begins to wander..what are we talking about?

And when Christian people begin to pick up the vocabulary and begin to adopt some of the thinking of the world in that regard, one begins to wander who is teaching what to whom? And Why?

~~For~~ example in Ephesians 4 beginning at Vs 17 I read this:(Read Vs 17-21) That matches with Titus 2. The grace of God has appeared. What are we talking about? The first coming of Christ. If you have been taught by Him, it teaches us that what you have learned is not verses 17 to ~~21~~ <sup>21</sup>;

Vs 22 says ....(READ VS 22-24)

Now, in my opinion, for whatever it is worth, I think the christian church today in America is resisting all messages that have anything to do with what we should stay away from.

Are you hearing what I just said? I think we have been programed to tolerate sinful practices and worldly lust to such an extent that it would <sup>argue</sup> argue us, frustrate us, or, we simply ignore it and don't want to <sup>listen</sup> ~~listen~~ to it. Any instruction that tells us that if you walk with the Lord, this stuff has got to go. In other words, we want Christ to be sure of heaven, but on the other hand we are so involved in the world, we don't understand that when we came to Christ, we were to say NO to this ~~stuff~~ <sup>this sin</sup>

Take your Bibles and turn to I Peter for a moment.

In I Peter chapter 2 verse 11 I see once again the whole issue of the world and fleshly lust brought before us. And here is what it says. I Peter chapter 2:11....(Read Vs 11-12)

So, according to the Bible our testimony is at stake..our conduct is at stake. And God says that if you get involved with this stuff, this worldly lusts, it wars against the soul. It fights you. Everything that you want to do for the Lord, you will discovery that you do not have the ability to do. And you will even begin to doubt whether anybody has the ability to do it. When the root of the problem is..the fleshly lust is still there. And it is waring against your soul. Do you follow me?

Turn to Galatians chapter 5 and let me take this a step further. Galatians chapter 5. What have we learned frmm the grace of God? Whatdoes it teach us? It teaches us to stay away from sexualism and worldly lust.

Galatians chapter 5 verse 16 says .."But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you you will not carry out the desire of the WHAT?.....WHAT DOES IT SAY?..FLESH..

You see? According to the Bible we all have this problem in side of us. So, it is one thing to say: stay away from it. It is another thing to deal with the problem. We have wordly lust inside of us. It is not simpley out there. We have a tendency to go that way right inside of us.

Now, according to the Bible that which is inside of us, this worldly lust, this sinful desire, it is fighting against the spirit of God all the time. And a lot of us are lossing the battle.

Keep reading in Galatians 5..Vs 17..."But the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the fleshh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please."

You don't even have the ability to serve God. WHY? Because you are getting torn up inside by all the wordly lust that is now so important to you. OR, dominating your mind and your thought life and your actions and your attitudes. The world, now, as become such a part of you that you are confussed. It is waring aganist your soul. You are not able to live for the Lord. You are frustrated and defeated. And the natural result if you don't deal with it, is to start losing confidence in the Lord.

You start doubting and questioning if it is real. Why? Because the worldly lust is tearing you up inside. It is convincing you that all of that which you say you believe is really not true at all. You are being defeated. WHY? Because the lust that is in us is out of control. And we are not staying away from it.

You see, we did not learn that from Jesus.

So, the assumption is also there that if you are not learning about Jesus there is nothing to combat that which is going on in your own heart. The war against our flesh and desires is fought by obedience to the Holy Spirit and his Word. If we are not learning about Jesus, there is nothing for the Holy Spirit to use/ He doesn't work in a vacuum. He uses His Word. And there is a very important point, there, about renewing our mind. About Jesus from Jesus

Let's go back to Titus chapter 2. It is a very, very serious issue. According to the Bible, when God's saving grace came to us in the person of Jesus, it taught us to stay away from sinful practices. There are sinful practices that we should avoid. Don't <sup>listen</sup> ~~listen~~ to the sexualism of the day.

A lady writes here: Pastor and shares how she was a faithful watcher of soap opera. She would watch 3 to 4 hours of soaps each day. Her mind was filled with soap opera philosophy. And now, as she tries to get her Christian life back in order, she realize how these soaps caused her to see life in a false way. And this led to immorality in her life. And she now writes that she is trying to get right with the Lord. She remembers what she was feeding her mind on.

Let's get practical, dear friends, the grace of God teaches us to denie and to avoid and to stay away from the secualism of our day and the worldly lust of our day. Now, is that an easy task? NO WAY! It is everywhere. It is bombarding us. And staying away from it. That is not easy.

Turn to I Thessalonians, please. I Thessalonians chapter 5. <sup>Verse 22</sup> And please notice verse 22. It says, "abstain from every form of evil."

Now, some folks have incorrectly evaluated this verse by saying this: "Well, it looks to me like it is evil. Therefore, you are suppose to stay away from it if it bothers me."

That is not what it is saying. The word "form" is dealing with "that which is essentially evil in its nature." What it is saying is that all evil takes on a certain form or appearance.

Now what is evil is in the Bible. What the Bible calls sin. And it will take on an appearance. Now, sometimes we don't even have to guess. If the Bible says that it is a sin to commit adultery, and I am watching something that is fostering adultery, then I, in reality am violating that verse. Do you see? *o.T.V. movie*

And yet we are exposed to this constantly. So, it demands a little Christian discipline to walk over and shut it off. "Abstain from every form of evil."

Are there some things that are evil? OH, Yes..There is a whole list of sins in the Bible. You can read about it. So, any form that it takes, any appearance that it takes when it is really a sin, and it is manifesting itself so, according to the Bible we are to run away from it. We are to stay away from it. That is what the Bible says.

*OK*  
~~Now~~, come back to Titus chapter 2. No wonder we get into so much trouble. We don't follow it carefully. Back to Titus 2 veres 11.."The grace of God," the saving grace that comes to all people, has appeared and been put on display. *And God's saving graces* ~~We saw Christ. He stayed away from it. So, should we.~~

Teaching us, first of all, *These are* sinful practices to avoid. *TO STAY FROM.*  
(2 ) Number two, there is a spiritual *Pattern* that we are ~~told~~ to follow, if we are going to get victory in this matter.

What is it? Vs 12...We live three words: "sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age." According to the Bible there is a spiritual pattern that everyone of us should follow in order to really experience the grace of God. And to learn from the Lord and live the way he wants us to *live*.

HOW SHOULD WE LIVE? SENSIBLE...It means "a sound mind." It means to think things through on the bases of what God says, not what man says. Do we have a sound mind? Has our mental life been put under the control of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit? Have we decided to bring every thought into captivity in Christ?



Are there things laying around our homes that should really be thrown out? Because in reality it does not contribute to the mental nourishment of our walk with the Lord? *This includes the music you listen to - Things you watch and things you read*

2) HE SAYS RIGHTEOUSLY. To do what is right. To have an ethical system and a framework that is based on what God says. Are there things that we are doing in our life that are simply not right? I can't stand here and tell you the application of that principle. You must face the Word of God as I do. But, there are a lot of things that are really obvious. We are tempted to do something that we know the Bible says is wrong. And God said, "The pattern that I want you to follow is first..to be sensible. To make sure your mental thoughts are being controlled <sup>by</sup> the wisdom of God. That you are sound in the faith.

And second, to be righteous..to be ethical..to be right and just in all that you are doing.

(3 ) And third, to be godly. That is the opposite of the first word in Vs 12, "ungodliness". It means to have a constant attitude of accountability and reverence towards God.

Let me ask you a question that I often ask myself. <sup>Now remember,</sup> ~~And~~ I am in the ministry. I should have a running advantage. But, I want to ask you: HOW OFTEN IN A DAY DO YOU SENSE ACCOUNTABILITY AND A RELATIONSHIP TO GOD BY WHAT HAPPENS? BY WHAT <sup>You</sup> ~~WE~~ SAY? BY WHERE YOU GO? BY PEOPLE YOU MEET? IS THERE A SENSE OF THE LORD'S LEADING AND WHAT HE WANTS IN YOUR LIFE? Is your life being <sup>lived</sup> ~~walked~~ in reverence of Him? And acknowledgement of Him?

When we say, WHAT HAS GOD'S GRACE TAUGHT US? First, there are sinful practices to avoid. And secondly, there is a spiritual pattern to follow.

(3 ) The third thing that I bring to your attention is Vs 13: If you are learning from the grace of God, when Jesus Christ gave you salvation, then there is a fantastic prospect that you should be anticipating everyday in your life. WHAT IS IT?...The second coming of Christ. You know, it is amazing how that can effect you. No matter what you are doing or thinking, to really believe that at any given moment Christ could come back. Is there anything that you do or think, that you would not want to be doing or thinking when Jesus returns?

<sup>Vs 13</sup>  
The Bible says "looking for the blessed hope." The word "looking" is a word of strong anticipation. You are greatly anticipating the second coming of Jesus Christ. Now, there are two things that I want to say about the prospect of the Lord's return.

(1 ) One, according to the Bible it is to be a continually expectation. I fall down on that point. And I bet you do to. Do ~~you~~<sup>we</sup> continually anticipate and expect the Lord's return?

Do you know what helps me? Preach on it. (ha)..OR..listen to christian music on the second coming.

But, do ~~you~~<sup>we</sup> regularly, day by day, anticipate the second coming of Christ?

Turn back to Philippians chapter 2. Philippians chapter 2. I have a feeling that we would be different people, if this was really true.

Philippians chapter 3 verses 20 and 21....What does God's grace teach us if we have really been saved? It teaches us that we cannot wait to see Him. What we are looking foreward to is seeing the one we fell in love with. The one we put our faith in, The one we put our confidence in. We cannot wait to see Jesus. That is what it is all about....AMEN?

Or, is there something going on right now that makes that a little fusee in your heart? You say, "Yes, I believe that but could He wait a week."

Philippians 3 verses 20 and 21....(Read Vs 20-21)

WOW! I would just like to ask you again...and you think about this..would you really like to see Jesus come before this service is over? Would you really?

Sometimes I think that there are things that are unresolved that causes us to think about that in a serious matter. Maybe there is something going on in your life that messes this all up.

Come back to Titus chapter 2. That is why it is connected together. You see, people who anticipate the second coming of Christ and live in the light of that, find it very difficult to be involved in secularism and worldly lust. You see, I John 3 said, "Beloved, it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is Pure.

Man that is good news. If you are anticipating the second coming of Christ, on a regular bases, it has a purifying effect on your conduct and your walk with the Lord.

Titus 3, again. We are looking at the prospect that we should be anticipating the return of the Lord. And we have said that it is a continual expectation. Constantly looking for His return.

'(2 )But, it is also to be a glorious event. Vs 13.."looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour, Christ Jesus."

Now, as some of you know, I like word orders. Notice this word order. It says, "the appearing of the glory." You see, it is not a glorious appearing. It is the appearing of THE GLORY. THE "GLORY" OF OUR LORD. In other words, the one who came the first time, is not going to come in that manner the second time. And when you read Revelation 1, and study it carefully, using my notes... But, when you read Revelation chapter 1, what do you see? You see, a picture of Jesus Christ like you have never seen before.

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN JESUS RETURNS? You are going to see an unvailing of who Jesus is, like you cannot believe. It is the appearing..the manifestation of...the GLORY OF OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOUR, CHRIST JESUS. This verse, dear frinds, is teaching the deity of Jesus Christ. And there is a reason for it. Because according to the Bible, it is the glory of Christ that will be unvailed. It is all those things that we have never seen looking at Him in the Gospels. The things that we cannot relate to because we have never seen him in His glory. But the glory of the God who made us in the person of his son Jeus Christ will be put on display. And when we see him, we will be like Him because we shall see Him as He is. And if you have that hope in you, now, <sup>Billings</sup> you purify yourself even as He is pure.

<sup>SOFT</sup> Isn't it wonderful how this whole text comes together. God's saving grace that has appeared to all people, in the first coming of Christ, teaches us:

- (1 ) One, that there are sinful practices to avoid.
- (2 ) Two, it teaches us that there is a godly pattern to follow: sensibly, righteously, and godly.
- (3 ) Three, it teaches us that when Jesus comes again we shall see HIS GLORY.

(4 )Now, number four. the fourth <sup>principle</sup> ~~thing~~ that I see in Vs 14 is that there is a special purpose that each of us should have if we are really being taught by the grace of God. WHAT IS THAT SPECIAL PURPOSE?

It says, "who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people." NOW, HERE IT IS. "ZEALOUS FOR GOOD WORKS."

Zealous to do everything that God wants you to do <sup>in your life</sup> If you have been touched by Jesus Christ and really born of the spirit, you are walking with the Lord, let me tell you, you will be enthusiastic to do whatever God wants you to do. "Lord, not my way, but yours. That is what I want."

Zealous means "extremely enthusiastic. Are you excited about working for the Lord? Or, are you burned out, bummed out, worn out, or something else?

I Corinthians 15:58 says "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your <sup>work</sup> ~~soul~~ is not in vain in the Lord."

Hebrews 6:10 says "For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered to the saints."

God will never forget your labor of love. He will never forget. Isn't that wonderful?

Oh, I can understand when someone gets tired in ministry. And they want a break. And they need a special touch from the Lord. WHAT IS THAT? <sup>Touch?</sup> It is to understand the purpose. In the light of the second coming of Christ where everything will be all over, in the light of that second coming of Christ, I am to live for the lord with a zealousness. With an enthusasism to do every thing He wants me to do.

Will you get tired? You bet. Will you get warn out? Yes! Put you stay with it. WHY? Because one day, ~~in fact~~ it will be worth it all. One day you will know. But, now you only read about it. But one day the glorious appearing the appearing of the glory of Christ, and when you see Him, you will know that it was worth it all.

And I have a feeling that many of us will wish that we worked a little bit harder for the wonderful thought of our Lord Jesus christ in glory.

And it also tells me something else. We normally get tired and worn out and discouraged when our eyes are not on the Lord. But, rather on the circumstances around us. HOW DO YOU GET CHARGED UP FOR GOD? How do you really get your enthusiasm and joy back? I don't know about you. But I have to get my eyes back on the Lord, not my circumstances.

Hay, <sup>dear</sup> friends, there are a lot of reasons out there in this old world to get us discouraged. Personal problems, the boss gets on your case, the kids stop being sweet little angels. Hay! there are a lot of reasons to get discouraged. DID GOD'S GRACE TEACH YOU THAT? Oh no. When you focus on your circumstances instead of the second coming of Christ, the appearing of the GLORY of great God and Saviour, you are going to get discouraged. Keep your eyes of the Lord and things will change.

Everytime I look at the motivation of God, to us, to keep on keeping on, to be faithful, in the end He brings us right back to the second coming. He tells us that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed <sup>to us</sup>

God wants us to focus on the appearing of that glory.

Now, the special bases upon which I have this zealousness for good works, if you will look at Vs 14 again, it is based on two things.

(1 ) One, on the redemption that we have in the Lord. He "gave himself that he might redeem us and purify us" so that we would be zealous for good works. It is based on my redemption. I have been bought with a price. He owns me. I don't own myself. I have given my life to Him. Jesus paid it all. And all to Him I owe.

(2 ) But it is not only based on redemption. It is based on a special relationship that we have with Jesus. I like this. Vs 14.. "He purified for himself a people ." Some translation say, "a special people."

Turn to I Peter. I Peter chapter 2. I like to think that I am special to the Lord. How about you? And to be zealous for good works, that is based upon a special relationship that I have with the Lord. His special people. He redeemed me to be special in my relationship to him.

I Peter 2..look at verse 9 and 10.....(Read Vs 9-10)

Praise the Lord! I have a purpose because I am his special people. To proclaim His praises. To be zealous of good works. To say, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

In the morning to get up and say, "Lord, I am reporting for duty. What do you want me to do. I am tired. I want to go back to bed. But what do you have on the schedule for today."

"Is this the day, Lord, that you are going to come back? Man, I am going to work like a bear. Because today could be the day." You know, dear friends, wouldn't it be great if we could live that way? To live in the expectation of the Lord's return. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

Now, way isn't it true? Remember again what I said about how this text is organized. Two emphases. The grace of God appeared to all men at the first coming of Christ. And secondly, the appearance of the glory of our great God at the second coming of Christ.

So, the reason in the text as to why we don't live ~~that way~~ or think that way is because our eyes are not on Jesus. ~~He~~ <sup>Jesus</sup> is the whole thing. ~~He~~ <sup>Jesus</sup> is the grace of God.

*for great expectation*

LET'S CLOSE WITH PRAYER

TURN your eyes upon Jesus  
LOOK FULL ~~in~~ His wonderful face  
AND The Things of earth, will grow ~~strongly~~ dim  
In the Light of His glory and grace

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*Summary*