

Summary

This sermon explores God's amazing grace through Titus 2:11-15, emphasizing three key aspects of grace. First, God's grace saves us through Jesus Christ's appearance in Bethlehem and His sacrificial death on the cross, redeeming, purifying, and possessing us as His children. Second, God's grace transforms us by training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions while living self-controlled and upright lives - not through our own effort, but by relying on God's grace rather than self-help methods. Third, God's grace will someday glorify us when Jesus returns, establishing a new heaven and earth where we will live in absolute perfection. The pastor emphasizes that we are saved by grace and must also live by grace, not our own strength, sharing his personal testimony of overcoming worry through prayer and dependence on God rather than self-talk.

Intro Prayer

Gracious Father, we come before You this morning with grateful hearts for Your amazing grace that has appeared in our lives through Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that nothing within us merits Your grace, yet You freely bestow it upon all who believe. As we gather together to study Your Word, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us today. Help us to set aside any distractions, worries, or concerns that might prevent us from fully engaging with Your truth. Holy Spirit, speak to each person here according to their need, and help us to be receptive to Your transforming work in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Share about a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness or gave you something you didn't deserve. How did that make you feel?

Key Verses

1. Titus 2:11-15
2. Romans 6:23
3. 1 John 1:9
4. Galatians 5:19-21
5. Matthew 6

Questions

1. What does it mean that 'the grace of God has appeared' and how do we see this throughout Jesus' life and ministry?
2. The sermon mentions that Jesus redeems, purifies, and possesses us. Which of these three

aspects of salvation resonates most with you and why?

3. Paul lists specific ungodly behaviors in Galatians 5:19-21. Which of these do you think are most prevalent in our culture today, and how can we 'renounce' them?
4. What's the difference between being saved by grace and trying to live the Christian life by our own effort? Can you share an example from your own experience?
5. The pastor shared his struggle with worry and how he learned to pray instead of just talking to himself. What area of your life do you need to stop handling in your own strength and start trusting to God's grace?
6. What does it mean to be 'self-controlled' and 'upright' in practical, everyday terms? How might this look different in various areas of life (work, family, relationships)?
7. How does the promise of Jesus' return (our 'blessed hope') impact the way we live today? What difference should this future hope make in our present circumstances?
8. The sermon ends with two important questions: 'Are you saved?' and 'Are you living differently?' How would you honestly answer these questions, and what steps might you need to take in response?

Life Application

This week, identify one specific area where you've been trying to live the Christian life in your own strength rather than by God's grace. Instead of relying on self-help methods or willpower, commit to daily prayer about this area, surrendering it to God each morning and throughout the day as needed. Practice taking your concerns, worries, or struggles directly to God in conversation rather than trying to handle them on your own.

Key Takeaways

1. God's grace saves us through Jesus Christ's redemptive work - He redeems us from sin, purifies us from guilt and shame, and adopts us as His children
2. God's grace transforms us by training us to renounce ungodliness and live self-controlled, upright lives - but this happens through His grace, not our own effort
3. God's grace will someday glorify us when Jesus returns to establish a new heaven and earth where we will live in absolute perfection
4. We must stop trying to live the Christian life by our own strength and start trusting God to enable and empower us through His grace
5. The goal of learning God's Word is not just knowledge but obedience - we are called to do what God teaches us, not just accumulate facts

Ending Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your amazing grace that saves us, transforms us, and will someday glorify us. We are overwhelmed by Your love and mercy toward us, knowing that we do not deserve such incredible gifts. Help us to stop trying to live the Christian life in our own strength and instead rely completely on Your grace to transform us day by day. Give us the courage to renounce ungodliness and the wisdom to live self-controlled and upright lives that honor You. As we wait for the blessed hope of Jesus' return, help us to live differently in this present age, showing the world the transforming power of Your grace. Thank You that Your grace is sufficient for every struggle we face. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.