

The Grace of God

Titus 2:11-13

Introduction

1. Many people have a misunderstanding of how God's grace works in man.
2. To understand the true function of the grace of God and how we use it in our lives, we must consider what God has to say about it (2 Tim. 2:15).
3. In Titus 2:11-13 five characteristics or functions are pointed out concerning grace.

Discussion

I. The Grace of God has Appeared - Tit. 2:11

- A. The grace being spoken of here is the "grace that brings salvation" (NKJV)
 1. People of God had His grace in the Old Testament – (Ezra 9:8; Esther 2:17)
 2. The "grace that brings salvation" did not appear until Jesus Christ – (Rom. 5:15; 1Cor. 1:4).
- B. This Grace has appeared to all men – (Rom 5:18)

II. The Grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness Tit. 2:12

- A. When we sin we have an advocate – (2 John 2:1)
 1. Rom. 5:8-9 – Through Christ, sinners are justified.
 2. We have forgiveness through Christ when we sin, but we must use our mistakes to learn not to sin.
- B. Titus 2:14 – "Gave Himself for us that He might redeem us."

III. The Grace of God teaches us to live soberly and righteously

- A. Eph. 4:1-3 – When we walk worthy of the calling we walk soberly
- B. Rom. 5:17; Rom. 12:3

IV. The Grace of God Teaches us to look for the blessed hope Tit. 2:13

- A. 1 John 3:3 – "we shall be like Him."
- B. 1 Peter 1:14 - "Rest your hope fully upon the grace"
- C. 1 Peter 1:21 That hope is in God.

V. The Grace of God teaches us to look for the "Glorious return of our God and Savior"

- A. Rev. 3:3 He will come like a thief in the night
- B. 1 Peter 4:7 – Be watchful because the end is at hand

Conclusion

1. The grace of God has indeed appeared to all men in order that all men might have salvation.
2. However, only those who are taught by it can reap the benefits of that grace – (1 Pet. 4:17)
3. But if we obey Christ we will have salvation in Him. You too can learn from His Grace – (Heb. 5:9)
4. Would you obey the gospel? (Rom. 6:3-6)