

# Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, November 15, 2015

Sermon: How We Do Grace

Key Passage: Titus 2:11-15 (ESV)

Pastor - Mark Saunders



**How are we as Christians to do what we do?... By the grace of God.**

## **A. All who come to Christ do so by the grace escape.**

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, (Titus 2:11 ESV)

## **B. All who live for Christ do so by submitting to the grace expectation.**

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 (Titus 2:12-14 ESV)

## **C. Let grace train you to say no.**

12a training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, (Titus 2:12a ESV)

## **D. Let grace train you to live yes.**

12b and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, (Titus 2:12b ESV)

## **E. When am I supposed to submit to the grace expectation? (now)**

12b and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, (Titus 2:12b ESV)

## **F. How long do I submit to the grace expectation? (until Jesus returns)**

13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (Titus 2:13 ESV)

## **G. Why should I submit to the grace expectation? (past and future)**

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

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.

13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (Titus 2:11,14,13 ESV) - (*sacrifice, ransom, purity, treasure - all so we'd do good works*)

## **H. So now what? (say grace, encourage grace, discourage anti grace)**

15 Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you. (Titus 2:15 ESV)

# Life Group Notes

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1. How did you do at celebrating or resting during the last week? Did you notice any changed in your outlook or attitude?
2. What stood out to you about this weekends sermon? What was a big take-away that you had walking away from service?
3. Take some time to read Titus 2:11-3:2. Make note of anything that stands out or confuses you, share these notes with your group.
4. Why do you think we try to limit the all in all people of verse 11? Who is someone in your life that you've seen walk far from Christ and then come back? How did they get back?

# Life Group Notes (Cont)

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5. How can we live self-controlled, upright (ESV) while waiting for Jesus? How have you learned to live self-controlled in your own life?
  
6. Whose authority are we commanded to exhort and rebuke in? Why is this significant in how we approach difficult conversations with those who are in the body?
  
7. What does it mean to be ready for every good work(ESV)? How have you, will you, be gentle toward everyone (NIV)?
  
8. How has God used you for the furthering of his kingdom in the last week? Month? Year? How have you sensed the calling of Christ in your life to act different than those around you?