

Titus 2:11-15:

“We need transformed people today, and not just people with answers.”

“This marvelous anthology of books and letters called the Bible is all for the sake of astonishment! It’s for divine transformation.”

Prayer!!

Read the text...

Verse 15—

"The Bible is the real preacher. And all the role of the man in the pulpit or the counseling conversation is simply to let the passages say their piece through him." JI Packer

What is the preacher's task? Get out of the way so the Word can speak. That's it. Let the Word speak. Preaching is giving a voice to God so that He can command you.

Paul is giving us an important summation of the entirety of the Christian experience.

Verse 11—Grace and salvation

Verse 12—Grace and sanctification

Verse 13—Grace and glorification

Verse 14—Grace and redemption

His appearing started His work, which redeemed all who have ever been redeemed.

A famous German theologian wrote, “Of all times it is the turning point. Of all love, it is the highest point. Of all worship, it is the central point. And of all salvation, it is the starting point.”

Let’s start with the idea of GRACE—Grace means God is giving us what we don’t deserve. He is giving us what we cannot repay. God is rescuing humanity from our sinful condition. Death of Christ on my behalf. By believing in the Lord Jesus as my Mediator between God and myself. What have I done to need a Mediator?

I have sinned and I am a sinner! Sin is an archery term in the Greek language. It is anything that is less than perfect. Think of the 10 Commandments. Hit that standard of perfection?? Ever lied, stolen, lusted, coveted?

*“Sin is simply missing the mark,” they say. “The same Greek word for sin is used as an*

*archery term, so we're all just 'target-missers.'"*

*Well, the same Greek word might be used, but the two concepts couldn't be further apart. When the Bible describes the nature of our rebellion against God, it paints an uglier picture than our simply missing a bull's eye (see Rom. 3:10–18). Rather than aiming carefully at God's target, we turn our backs and shoot arrows everywhere else. Wanting to please ourselves, we ignore the true bull's eye and set our affections on seductive targets that cannot satisfy, sanctify, or save. We are not primarily target-missers; we are self-centered false-target worshippers.*

The Lord is calling all humans to appropriate the salvation that grace has brought.

Jesus personified GRACE! Grace here is the incarnation of Christ in Bethlehem. This is not grace as attribute—it is the appearing of a Person, the Messiah, the Savior of the world!

Jn 3:16

Ephesians 2:8-9

He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time. 2 Tim 1:9

The Bible says that if we don't appropriate God's gift of grace, we will be condemned. We will go to a place of eternal damnation called, hell.

How do we appropriate this gift of grace? The issue is always FAITH.

Jesus said in Jn 6:29

“This is the work of God that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”

Jn 16:8-9

...concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me.”  
, if you perish in your sin it's your fault. And I say to every saint, if you're saved, give all the glory to God. We die in our sin bc we don't believe! Faith comes by hearing!

The atonement is sufficient for the whole world, but only efficient to those who believe.

By believing we reveal the He chose us. The Lord says in Jn 15, “you did not choose Me. I chose you.”

How God's choosing us and our free will fit together with God's sovereignty, I do not know. It is a mystery!

R.L. Dabney wrote in a book the Five Points of Calvinism. "Christ's sacrifice has certainly purchased for the whole human race a merciful postponement of the doom incurred by our sins, including all the temporal blessings of our earthly life, all the gospel restraints on human depravity, and the sincere offer of heaven to everyone. For but for Christ, man's doom would have followed instantly after his sin as that of the fallen angels did." God has revealed His grace for the salvation of all men. God has revealed His grace for the salvation of all so that He can collect a faithful witnessing people who demonstrate saving power in their lives and show God to be a saving God that others may be drawn to Him.

2 Thess 2:7 restraining!

If we're going to win this world we've got to show them what rescued people look like,

His grace is on display through us. We were saved to be zealous of good works. We are going to see why this will be so extraordinary.

We cannot lose our salvation

John 10:26 He gave His life for the sheep!

Salvation not only deals with our future, it deals with our present. Whereas there was a time when we could do no good thing, there was none righteous, Romans 3 says, no not one, there is none that understand, there is none that does good. The poison of snakes or asps is under their lips. We're all gone out of the way. By the deeds of the law none of us can be justified, to put it in the terms of Ephesians 2. We were under the power of the prince of the air, the spirit that works in the children of disobedience. And we were by nature the children of wrath. We were doomed to damnation. And we were living in an uninterrupted and unbroken pattern of continual sin.

In verse 12—this is abt sanctification

Grace becomes our educator, our teacher. (personification again).

Greek—Paideuois (this is where we get the word pedagogy)  
The training of a child

You become the student of God's Word and His Spirit.

Now we see that grace will reign where sin reigned—a decisive break with sin.

Transformation involves new desires. RIGHTEOUS living!

We are to deny ungodliness—  
Asebia (Greek) for a lack of reverence. We don't want to worship Him.

Break with irreverence.

True repentance will bring a desire to worship the great GOD!

Salvation grace causes you to make a clean break with worldly desires.

Kosmikosepithumias—

Lusts that are characteristic to our worldly system.

Transformed ppl can have self control—before salv came, we cld not say no to sin.. Now we can say yes and no to sin.

Diagram

Verse 13—

So we look forward to being with our Lord! For to me to live is Christ. To die is gain. The whole creation groans to see the Lord!!

1 Jn 3:2

We shall be like Him!

Verse 14: redemption!

Whenever you see the word redemption, think of the word ransom! Pay a ransom. When someone pays a ransom to free someone else, it is called redemption. 18<sup>th</sup> cent 19<sup>th</sup> cent==slaves on a slave block, human tools. When Christ came to find us on our slave block! He bought us! He redeemed us! All the things in our past—he paid payment in full for sin. Are we to live now as we please? Of course not! Now we are living for good deeds!

We are to be passionate for good deeds. That is how we are going to display salvation to unbelievers.

Where does this text say we are to concentrate our good deeds??

Titus 2 2:1-5

Do not give out to others what you won't do at home!

Bob Fulton's advice!

Every home is a little church! Jn Edwards

Ps 73:18-19—we shall fall by our own weight!

The only thing keeping wicked men alive is the pleasure of God! There is nothing in scripture that says that it pleases God to cast men into hell.

Jonathan Edwards—

So whatever some have imagined and pretended about the promises made to natural men's earnest seeking and knocking, tis' plain and manifest that whatever pains a natural man takes in religion, whatever prayers he makes, till he believes in Christ, God is under no manner of obligation

to keep him a moment from eternal destruction.

Your wickedness makes you as it were as heavy as lead, and to tend downwards with great weight and pressure towards hell; and if God should let you go, you would immediately sink and swiftly descend and plunge into the bottomless gulf, and your healthy constitution, and all your righteousness, would have no more influence to uphold you and to keep you out of hell than a spider's web would have to stop a falling rock.

Luke 12:4-5

Now God stands ready to pity you; this is a day of mercy.

“And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has flung the door of mercy wide open, and stands in the door calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners; a day wherein many are flocking to him, and pressing into the Kingdom of God; many are daily coming from the East, West, North and South; many that were very lately in the same miserable condition that you are in, are in a happy state, with their hearts filled with love to Him that has loved them and washed them for their sins in his own blood and rejoicing in the hope of the glory of God. How awful it is to be left behind at such a day!

