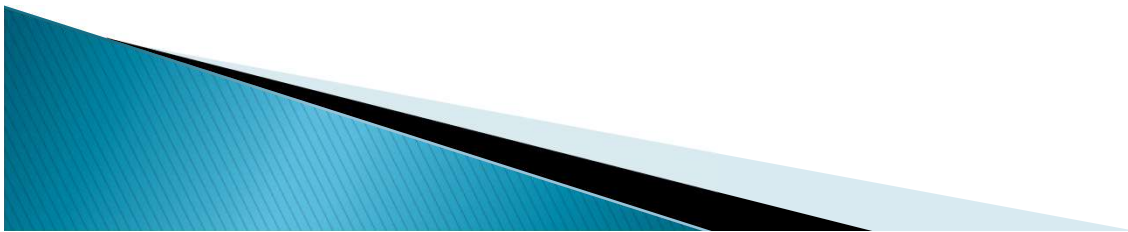


Taught by the Grace of God

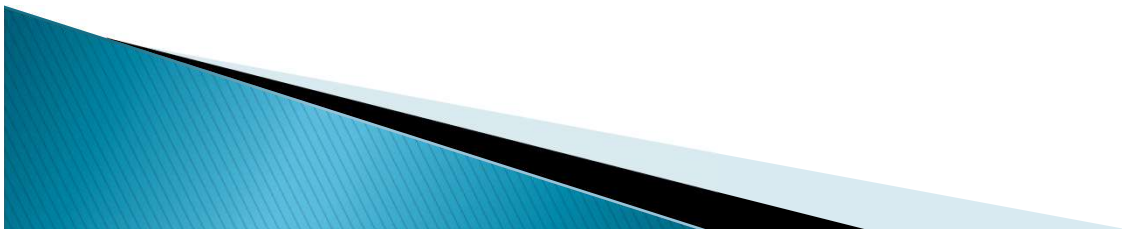
Titus 2:11-14



The Grace of God

- ▶ Has appeared
 - Titus 3:4
 - John 1:17
- ▶ Is for salvation for all men
 - 1 John 2:2
 - Romans 1:16
 - Revelation 22:17
- ▶ Teaches Us
 - Acts 20:24, 32
 - Colossians 1:5-6

Rejection of Calvinism:
Limited Atonement
Unconditional Election



Both **Negatives** & **Positives**

Titus 2:12

“...teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live **soberly, righteously, and godly** in the present age...”



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▶ Ungodliness

- Romans 1:18ff

▶ Worldly lusts

- 1 John 2:15-17
- Matthew 5:28 – Lusts of the flesh
- Matthew 19:21-22 – Lusts of the eyes
- John 12:42-43 – Pride of Life
- Romans 6:1-2
- James 4:4

In the world, but
NOT OF THE WORLD



“...teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, **WE SHOULD LIVE soberly**, righteously, and **godly** in the present age...”

▶ **Soberly**

- Living sensibly with self-control, prudence, restraint
- “the word suggests the exercise of that self-restraint that governs all passions and desires, enabling the believer to be conformed to the mind of Christ” (Vine)
- 1 Corinthians 9:25
- 1 Peter 1:13-16
- James 3:5-6, 10

Self Control:
A MUST for completing
the race!



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▶ Righteously

- Right living before God in relationship with others
- Right conduct toward our fellow man

▶ Godly

- Giving God what is due Him
- Includes the idea of reverence and worship
- 2 Peter 1:3

Reject these standards:

- Feelings
- Your upbringing
- Might makes right
- Do unto others as they did unto you

“...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...”

- ▶ We live believing He will return
- ▶ We live expectantly for His return, not knowing the hour
- ▶ We live looking forward to His return
- ▶ We live ready for His return
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:4
- ▶ Will He find you living this way?
 - Matthew 24:45-47
- ▶ Or will you be ashamed at His appearing?
 - Hebrews 10:26-27
- ▶ 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
- ▶ 2 Timothy 4:6-8



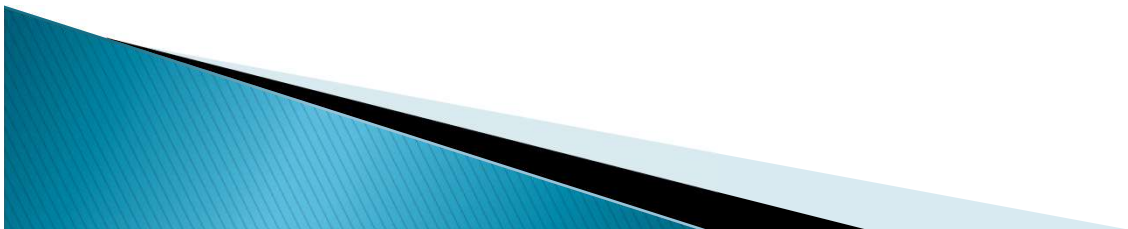
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- ▶ Redeem: to release by payment of a ransom
- ▶ Matthew 20:28
- ▶ Buy back a people who have been sold as slaves or who had been captured in war
- ▶ 2 Timothy 2:26
- ▶ Romans 7:14
- ▶ 1 Peter 1:18-19
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20



“...who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”

- ▶ Purify – make holy
 - Hebrews 9:13-14; 10:19-22
- ▶ Own special [peculiar] people
 - Not “weird”, but 1 Peter 4:1-4
- ▶ His purchased possession
 - Acts 20:28
 - Ephesians 1:14
 - 1 Peter 2:9-10



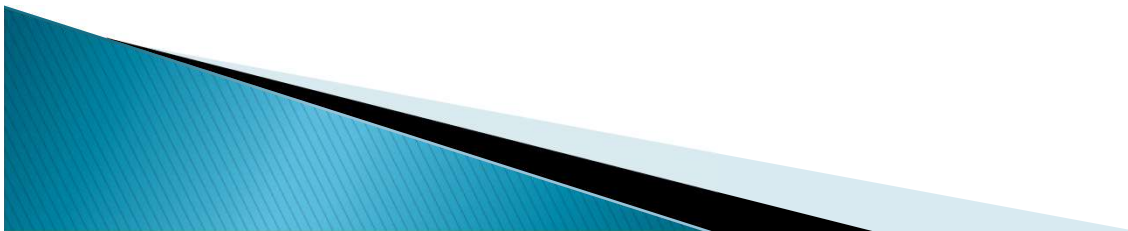
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▶ Zealous

- Eager, enthusiastic
- Acts 6:36-37
- Acts 9:36

▶ Good works

- Ephesians 2:10



The Grace of God Teaches Us

Titus 2:11–14

- A changed people
- The world should see the difference!
- The world should see in the Christian the denial of ungodliness and worldly lusts
 - Deny, say no to, hate, abhor
- The world should see the Christian living...
 - Soberly – self control
 - Righteously toward others
 - Godly, with reverence and worship to God
 - In welcome anticipation of the coming of the Lord
 - Zealously for good works

