

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Operation Christmas Child Packing Party - Today @ 1 pm
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week - November 18th - 25th
- Quest Thanksgiving Special - Thursday, November 21st @ 7 pm
- Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland - Friday, November 22nd @ 11 am
- Women's Gingerbread Decorating - Saturday, December 7th @ 1 pm
- Train of Lights - Tuesday, December 10th @ 6:30 pm

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SONGS & SERMONS

- "I Am Set Free" - Leslie Jordan
- "He Is Faithful" - Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt
- "Goodness of God" - Ed Cash, Jenn Johnson
- "O Praise the Name" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings
- "Jesus Paid It All" - John Thomas Grape, Elvina M. Hall, Alex Nifong

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,515,096.00

Giving Last Week.....\$36,018.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,486,136.00

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11/10/19 | MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: JOHNATHAN ADEBOYE

MESSAGE NOTES

Titus 2:11-15

INTRODUCTION

God, as a good and responsible Creator, doesn't hide anything needful from His people. Remember at creation He made sure everything man would need for a pleasant living was already in existence before man was created. Not only that, He vehemently warned man about what He knew could be harmful to him. In the same way He has revealed grace to mankind, in a bid to enable us be who He wants us to be and do what He wants us to do.

1. Understanding Grace

- The free, unmerited favour of God;
- The favor of God, shown to the undeserving;
- God's gratuitous favor in the scheme of redemption.

2. God's Grace Revealed

I. In the Old Testament:

Its first **lexical** occurrence is in Gen.6:8. However, we find its first **practical** occurrence in Genesis chapter 3 at the Fall, where 3 acts of grace are revealed:

- Gen 3:15
- Gen 3:21
- Gen 3:22-23

II. In the New Testament:

Jesus Christ is the source of this grace, as indicated in John 1:16-17. However, the fullness of grace was hidden prior to but revealed at the appearance of our Savior, Jesus Christ (2Tim 1:9-10).

Note: Salvation or redemption is the principal object of grace!



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3. Grace As An Instructor

The heart of the natural man was void of divine requirements for salvation. Grace showed up to instruct us accordingly. The instructions of grace can be categorized into three areas (prohibitions, prescriptions, exposition):

I. Prohibitions (Tit 2:12). The prohibited items are:

- i. Ungodliness -
- ii. Worldly lusts -

“The most difficult part of the training of young men is not to put the right thing into them, but to get the wrong thing out of them.” (Spurgeon)

II. Prescriptions (Tit 2:12-13). Four attitudes are prescribed:

- i. Soberness -
- ii. Righteousness -
- iii. Godliness -
- iv. Anticipation -

III. Exposition: The essence of Christ's sacrifice is made known (Tit 2:14), this being:

- i. Redeeming us from all iniquity -
- ii. Purifying us unto Himself -

“And we are, therefore, taught that the death of Jesus was intended, not for our forgiveness and justification merely, but for our sanctification, and our deliverance from the power of all our besetting sins.” (Meyer)

Note: The end products Jesus had in view are:

- a. A peculiar people (who He wants us to be).
- b. A people zealous of good works (what He wants us to do).

4. The Closing Charge

Titus is to teach (**speak**), urge to duty (**exhort**), and to also convict (**rebuke**) the disobedient in a manner so vigorous and bold that no man in Crete shall undervalue him.

CONCLUSION:

It's God's responsibility to reveal His grace. Whatever we do with it is our responsibility. Every responsibility has its consequences. If well carried out the consequences are delightful, but if negligently conducted the consequences could be quite distasteful. The fundamental question is, what are we doing with the grace of God?