

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
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- Train of Lights - Tuesday, December 10th @ 6:30 pm

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Echo" - Israel Houghton, Matthew Ntlele, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, Alexander Pappas

"Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

"What A Beautiful Name" - Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan

"Lord You Are" - Valley Bible Worship (Dan Gillette)

To listen or watch today's message, visit www.vbc.online/media

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00

Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,515,096.00

Text "valleybiblegive" 779-77 to give today.

Giving Last Week.....\$36,018.00

Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,486,136.00



TITUS
CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

11/10/19 | MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

MESSAGE NOTES

God's grace: the way to experience godliness

Titus 2:11-15

Looking back at chapter 1:

1. "... put what remained into order" (5a).
2. "... appoint elders in every town" (5b).
3. "... what they ought not to teach" (11b).

Relationships of godliness among Jesus' people (2:1-10)

Titus 2:10 ... so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

The grace of God trains us to say "No!" to ungodly influences (11-12a).

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **12a** training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and ...



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Defining the grace of God: a gift given, though undeserved & unattainable

Rom. 4:3 *For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,*

Distinguishing the grace of God in our initial salvation & its role in Christian living:

Initial salvation grace: See Ephesians 2:8-9.

Ongoing living grace: See 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Describing our response to both aspects of God's grace:

Rom. 4:16 *That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,*

James 4:6 *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

The grace of God trains us based upon what Jesus accomplished on the cross (14).

Titus 2:14 *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.*

1. What the Savior did – he "gave Himself"
2. What the Savior accomplished –
 - a. Our freedom from being law-breakers.
 - b. Our purity to be uniquely His!
 - c. Our purity to enthusiastically do good habitually.

The grace of God trains us to live godly in the present age (12b-13).

Titus 2:12b *... 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,*

1. This training deals with specific qualities of godliness.
2. This training equally deals with the glory that's coming!

This grace of God must be taught & talked about ongoing-ly (15)!

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