THE TRANSFORMATIVE GOSPEL: GRACE AND GLORY

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TITUS Chapter 2

English Standard Version (ESV)

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CONTEXT/BACKGROUND:

Today's text is what all the previous commands of Titus are <u>grounded</u> in. This passage acts as the <u>thesis statement</u> for the rest of the book.

 The Apostle Paul has left Titus on the island of Crete to straighten out wayward churches. The churches had problematic leaders, doctrine and behavior. The lessons for each of these topics are crucially tied to this section of the letter.
Have you noticed the problem? Our FALLENESS from God Gen. 8:21; Eccl. 9:3; Jer. 10:7-8, 14; 17:9; Matt. 15:19; Eph. 4:18; Rom. 1-2

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Grace has appeared.

It was always <u>present</u> even though it was <u>hidden</u>. Col. 1:26

God's grace in the Old Testament is come and see.

Glimmers of grace shine to people even from other nations. — <u>Rahab</u> and <u>Ruth</u>.

God's grace in the New Testament is go and tell.

Grace now shines to the world through Christ.

God graciously <u>chooses</u> the people of Israel, to become a people of his own possession to display his

glory and grace.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

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"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Phar-

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Salvation for all people.

God's grace is no longer shining most to the people of Israel alone. Now the floodgates of grace are opened wide to whosoever would believe upon Christ.

Grace: The undeserved favor of God.

In Christ, grace is personified.

Jesus is the Redeeming Savior and God: He dies in the place of sinners while being perfect. He pays our sin debt to provide redemption <u>from sin by faith</u> for those who trust him.

Training us.

Outward and <u>Obvious</u>. Inward and <u>Hidden</u>.

Grace empowers us to live self controlled, upright, and godly.

PUT OFF/PUT ON Col. 3:1-10; Eph. 4:22-24; Gal. 5:16-18; 1 Pet 2:1-2

Grace causes us to have a new hope

1 Peter 1:3

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be <u>born again to a living hope</u> through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,



- Ungodliness, worldly passions, and <u>lawlessness</u>,: Summarize the sins named in Titus.
- The life of grace is summarized as: Self controlled, <u>upright</u>, godly, zealous for good works, purified, <u>redeemed</u>.

In what areas of your life do you need God's grace to shine on?

Identify the sin and its empty promise.

<u>Pray</u> that God will teach you to trust his promises instead.