

Lesson 13 – Titus 2:11-14
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Review

Paul begins chapter 2 by building a contrast between the false teachers who contradict and Titus who was to speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. The thoughts/ideas that we express should be those which are fitting for sound doctrine. Titus (and we) was to be a person of influence who lives an exemplary life (speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity) which matches his profession. Likewise, we are to have unwavering integrity which commands respect.

Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. Age is no excuse for sin – mature years should bring mature character.

Older women are to be reverent in their behavior – the outside matching the inside and exhibiting Christ-like character. They must refuse to listen to, much less propagate, slanderous and demeaning stories about others. They are to not turn to drink to dull the pains and loneliness of old age, but instead to turn to the Lord. They should be treasures in discipling young women in godly living.

Young women are commanded to 1) love their husbands; 2) love their children; 3) be sensible; 4) be pure; 5) be workers at home; 6) be kind; and 7) be subject to their own husbands. The primary reason for obedience to God's word is that it brings Him glory. By living against Scripture's commands the gospel message is dishonored (maligned, criticized, or discredited) by non-believers.

Young men are to be sensible, an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, and sound in speech. This leaves not opportunity for God, Jesus, God's word, nor the Gospel to be rightly accused.

Employees are to be subject to their employers in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but trustworthy, reliable, and utterly dependable so as to live a life that visibly shows that they belong to Jesus.

Introduction

In chapter 2, Paul's focus has turned to "the things which are fitting for sound doctrine" and how this fitting doctrine is lived out in groups of people. He started with older men (2:2), then moved onto older women (2:3-4a), then to young women (2:4b-5), then to young men (2:6-8), and finally bondslaves or employees (2:9-10). Today, we finish up this section looking at the motivation for godly living of the mature believer.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹²instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:11-14

1. Saved by Grace (2:11a)

^{11a}For the grace of God has appeared,

"For" links 2:1-10 with 2:11-14 giving the theological basis for godly living.

"Grace of God" – Most commentaries agree that this phrase is virtually synonymous with the Son of God and thus refers to the first advent of Messiah.

"has appeared" – Jesus came the first time as a sacrifice for sin. He humbled himself to become a man, died on the cross, then **appeared** to many to prove the resurrection.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to **His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity**, ¹⁰but **now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus**, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 2 Tim 1:8-10

⁵Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸Being found in **appearance** as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Phil 2:5-8

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that He **appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶After that He **appeared** to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷then He **appeared** to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. 1 Cor 15:3-8

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to **His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, ⁴to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Pet 1:3-5

2. Saved from Sin (2:11b)

^{11b}bringing salvation to all men,

Sin is our problem; salvation is the solution. Salvation is the work of God whereby he saves individuals from the penalty, power, and one day the very presence of sin. It is completely by God and not on the basis of human merit or works (John 1:12; Eph 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Pet 1:18-19).

⁸For **by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;** ⁹**not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.** Eph 2:8-9

According to the largest meaning as used in the Scripture, the word "salvation" represents the whole work of God by which He rescues man from the eternal ruin and doom of sin and bestows on him the riches of His grace, including eternal life now and eternal glory in heaven. Major Bible Themes by Chafer

Each person has inherited the sin nature from Adam (Rom 5:12). The sin nature is the corruption of our entire being and is that which inclines us to sin. The corruption of sin extends to every aspect of our being (Rom 1:18-3:20) including intellect (2 Cor 4:4), conscience (1 Tim 4:2), will (Rom 1:28), and heart (Eph 4:18). The idea is not that man displays as much evil as he possibly could, nor that he cannot do any good, or even feign a love for God, but that his entire nature is affected by sin. As such he is totally incapable of moving on his own toward God.

All are sinful:

¹⁰as it is written, "**THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;** ¹¹**THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;** ¹²**ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE.**" ¹³"**THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,**" "**THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS**"; ¹⁴"**WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS**"; ¹⁵"**THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,** ¹⁶**DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,** ¹⁷**AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN.**" ¹⁸"**THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.**" Rom 3:10-18

²³for **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,** Rom 3:23

The unregenerate man's heart is wicked:

⁵Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that **every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** Gen 6:5

⁹**The heart is more deceitful than all else** And is desperately sick; Who can understand it? Jer 17:9

The unregenerate man is dead in his sins:

¹And **you were dead in your trespasses and sins,** ²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. Eph 2:1-3

The unregenerate man will not come to Christ of his own volition:

⁴⁴"**No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him**; and I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:44

⁶⁵And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that **no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.**" John 6:65

The unregenerate man is a slave to sin:

³³Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.** John 8:33

Q: Are all people saved?

³This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴**who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.** ⁵For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time. 1 Tim 2:3-6

¹⁰For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on **the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.** 1 Tim 4:10

²⁷And inasmuch as **it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,** ²⁸so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him. Heb 9:27-28

⁹And having been made perfect, **He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,** Heb 5:9

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸**He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.** John 3:16-18

¹⁴This **gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations,** and then the end will come. Matt 24:14

⁹For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW,** of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and that **every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father. Phil 2:9-10

3. Saved for Righteousness (2:12)

¹²instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

The grace of God, Christ Himself, instructs us for the purpose of (hina) denying ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly.

Deny [arneomai] literally means "to say no"

To deny carries the idea of a conscious, purposeful action of the will. It means to say "no". It is to confess and consciously turn away from that which is sinful and destructive and to move toward that which is good and godly. It includes the commitment a believer makes when he first acknowledges his sin and receives Christ as Savior and Lord as well as the countless other decisions he makes to deny and forsake the ungodliness and worldly desires that continue to find their way back into his life. MacArthur NT Commentary – Titus

Ungodliness [asebeia] means lack of reverence or piety toward God (which speaks of one's heart attitude) and describes those living without regard for God. Their life denies God's existence.

Desires [epithumia] describes a drive or passion and most often refers to the depraved cravings and inner vile unrestrained desires that arise from our fallen flesh nature inherited from Adam. Worldly desires are passions for the pleasures and pursuits of this present passing world.

In this present age refers to the here and now in contrast to the coming age. Freedom from the presence of sin is only in glory. Until then, believers are to press in sanctification in this life.

In contrast to ungodliness and worldly desires, believers are to live sensibly, righteously, and godly. This three-fold exhortation is in three dimensions.

Inward – "sensibly" expressed the idea of self-controlled; restraint over thoughts and actions.

Outward – "righteously" describes the integrity that should regulate all the believer's dealings towards others; honesty, justice, integrity in dealing with others

Upward – "godly" means fully devoted to God in reverence and loving obedience.

The bottom line is that the true believer is changed and will therefore bring about fruits in their life in keeping with repentance.

⁶For I am confident of this very thing, that **He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.** Phil 1:6

¹⁷Therefore **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature**; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Cor 5:17

Salvation from sin is not fire insurance. Salvation brings about a new nature and freedom from the power of sin.

Freed Positionally (Rom 6:15-23)

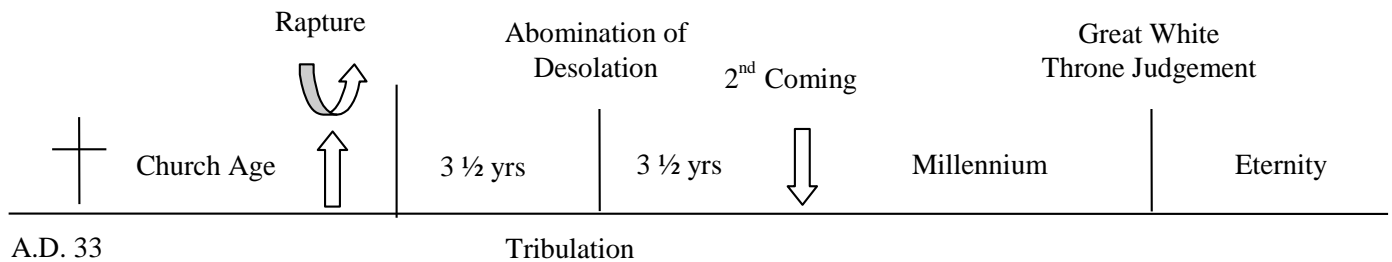
Freed Practically (Eph 4:20-24) (Put off / Renew / Putt on pattern)

4. Saved Unto Blessed Hope (2:13)

¹³looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Jesus appeared the first time as a sacrifice for sin. Believers look forward expectantly for the blessed hope and appearing – Jesus’ second appearing will be in glory. One day sin will be totally eradicated from our bodies – either at death or at our blessed hope.

²⁷And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, ²⁸**so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.** Heb 9:27-28



This hope is the believer’s anchor.

¹⁹This **hope we have as an anchor of the soul**, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, Heb 6:19

Heaven will be a place where the ravages of sin which we now endure will be wiped away – tears, death, mourning, crying, and pain:

⁴and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." Rev 21:4

God and Savior, Christ Jesus – Only one article in the Greek linking “God and Savior” as the title for Christ Jesus.

5. Saved Unto Good Works (2:14)

¹⁴who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Jesus gave himself for his that to redeem from slavery to sin. The believer has been “purchased from the marketplace of sin”. The purchase price was the death of Jesus Christ.(1 Cor 6:20; 7:23; Titus 2:4; 1 Pet 1:18-19; 2:1; Rev 5:9; 14:3, 4).

to (hina) expresses purpose and here clearly explains the purpose for which sinners have been redeemed as saints.

Redeem [lutroo] in simplest terms means to release someone held captive on receipt of a ransom payment with the implied analogy of freeing a slave (liberate, liberation, deliverance).

To redeem us “from” [apo] indicates removal from that sphere and our deliverance from "all" aspects of the domination of sin.

Purify [katharizo] means to cause something to become clean from contamination/impurity; to make clean by taking away an undesirable part; to cleanse from filth or impurity. The aorist tense and conveys the truth that Jesus' purification of sinners was a once for all, effective, completed action.

Salvation is a once for all transaction. It is a done deal, but it does not end with salvation from sin – we are saved unto good works.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
Eph 2:8-10

Zealous [zelotes] describes someone who is fervent and enthusiastically devoted, earnestly committed to a side or cause and thus could be described as an enthusiast, an adherent, or a loyalist. Zealous speaks of being totally committed; sold out; abandoned; dedicated; impassioned; fervently devoted; passionate; enthusiastically devoted; or having single minded allegiance.

²⁸Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire. Heb 12:28-29

Summary

Believers are saved once for all from sin. Though salvation from sin is a done deal, we are saved unto good works – denying ungodliness and worldly desires and living sensibly, righteously, and godly – zealous for good deeds.