

W O M E N ' S B I B L E S T U D Y

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Saving Grace

Titus 2:11-15

Lesson 14

In the opening portion of our scripture this week, we once again find ourselves reading about God's grace. Grace is God's favor that we cannot earn and certainly do not deserve and yet, He lavishes it upon us in many different ways. It all begins when we get saved, and it is poured out upon us continuously for the rest of our lives. No wonder so many songs have been written about God's grace – it is amazing! And, most incredibly, it is free and available to all. Before starting this lesson, be sure to pause for a moment and thank God because He has poured out His grace on you.

When we first become believers, we are redeemed by the grace of God. We acknowledge that Jesus paid the price for our salvation and bought us with His precious blood. Because we are His, we are no longer slaves to sin but free to live our new life in Christ. As we begin our walk of faith, God's grace reforms us. He turns our hearts away from godless living and sinful pleasures and we are changed into new creatures in Christ. Old attitudes, actions, reactions, and ambitions are gone and we begin to live our lives to please Him. Because Jesus has entered in to our hearts, our lives are radically changed by His saving grace.

As we live righteously, we live looking for that blessed hope of Jesus' return (v. 13). And, that return is very near! That watchful thinking then affects everything we do. The choices about where we go, how we talk, what we watch and listen to become completely different from before we were saved. We find ourselves looking forward to seeing Jesus face-to-face, and not wanting to be found living godlessly or being ill-prepared for His coming. May God bless you as you do your homework lesson this week and may His Spirit stir a fresh reminder in your heart that Jesus is coming soon.

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Titus 2:11-15

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who 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. ¹⁵Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you." NKJV

This Week's Memory Verse:

***"Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing
of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."
Titus 2:13***

1. What amazing truth about the grace of God does this week's passage begin with? _____

2. Look up the following verses and note what they say about God's grace.
 - a. Ephesians 2:8-9: _____

 - b. Hebrews 4:16: _____

 - c. Romans 5:1-2: _____

 - d. Which of the above verses comforts you the most and why? _____

"A man can no more take in a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough today to last him for the next 6 months, nor can he inhale sufficient air into his lungs with one breath to sustain life for a week to come. We are permitted to draw upon God's store of grace from day to day as we need it."

- Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899)

3. According to verse 12 of this week's scripture, what does God's grace teach us? _____

a. What struggles have you encountered in trying to apply this verse to your life? _____

b. Look up 1 Corinthians 10:13 and note the promise found there. _____

Group Discussion

Even with the promise of a "way of escape", it can be very difficult to resist temptations. Please share how you live godly in a godless world and perhaps note additional scriptures that have helped you along this journey.

4. Following the sober reminder to live godly in this world, we are given hope. What is the hope that awaits us, according to verse 13? _____

a. What amazing promise is given to us about that day in 1 John 3:2? _____

b. How does this truth encourage you? _____

5. Verse 14 speaks the basic gospel truth. Put this verse into your own words and note how you have become redeemed. _____

a. This verse ends with a note that we are to be zealous for good works. According to Galatians 2:20, how are we able to do these good works? _____

6. What command is given in verse 15? _____

a. In light of all we have learned in this study, please note how we can apply Ephesians 4:14-16 to our personal lives, our families, and our ministries. _____

"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you."

- Corrie Ten Boom (1892-1983)

