

NLT: **Tit 2:11-14** For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. (12) And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, (13) while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. (14) He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very

Message: **Tit 2:11-14** God's readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation's available for everyone! (12) We're being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life. This new life is starting right now, (13) and is whetting our appetites for the glorious day when our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, appears. (14) He offered himself as a sacrifice to free us from a dark, rebellious life into this good, pure life, making us a people he can be proud of, energetic in goodness.

NKJV: **Tit 2:11-14** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (12) teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, (13) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (14) who 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.own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

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1. Grace: The unmerited favor of God
2. Thayer, "the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues
3. Grace
 - a) Is not a "free pass" to live sinful or selfish lives and still get to heaven
 - b) It is not a spiritual anesthetic that eliminates us from the pain or consequences of sin
 - c) Rather it is the antidote that frees us from the poison of sin,
 - d) It is the power of God "exerting his holy influence" upon us to bring about godliness in us
 - e) The power of God's judgment can bring about the punishment of sin in our lives, but the power of God's grace is meant to bring about the elimination of sin in our lives and consequently free us from all judgment!
4. "has appeared to all men"
 - a) God's grace was, and is, universally displayed in the life of Jesus Christ
 - b) It is apparent to all – out there for all to see
 - c) It is not some secret hidden knowledge
 - like the gnostics of the first and second century taught
 - Or like the Masons, or many New Age, such as Scientology or 1000 other cults
 - God's grace is openly revealed and publicly proclaimed by the gospel for nearly 2000 years
 - This does not mean that "all men" have received it or understand it, or have even heard it personally – nevertheless it is openly proclaimed and nearly globally accessible for all

Threefold Grace Influence or the Three Things God's Grace is meant to "teach" or produce in us

1. Active resistance to ungodliness
 - a) NKJV "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts
 - b) Message: how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life
 - c) NLT: to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures.
 - d) "To deny or turn"
 - Implies an active resisting
 - Picture of someone trying to enter your home, and you are denying them entrance
 - Sin and ungodliness is constantly trying to "get into" our lives
 - We must be diligent to deny it
 - e) God's advice to Cain BEFORE he murdered his brother, "[Gen 4:7](#) If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."
 - f) Turning away from sin, implies a turning toward godliness
 - g) Spoke of turning last week
 - We must look for His influences
 - What is God calling us toward
 - h) Requires a "leaving behind" of our "worldly lusts, indulgent life and sinful pleasures."
2. Active Life
 - a) "**We should LIVE**"
 - b) NKJV **Thayer Definition:**
 - 1) to live, breathe, be among the living (not lifeless, not dead)
 - 2) to enjoy real life
 - 2a) to have true life and worthy of the name
 - 2b) active, blessed, endless in the kingdom of God
 - 3) to live, i.e. pass life, in the manner of the living and acting
 - 3a) of mortals or character
 - 4) living water, having vital power in itself and exerting the same upon the soul
 - 5) metaphorically to be in full vigour
 - 5a) to be fresh, strong, efficient, as adjective active, powerful, efficacious
 - c) **Grace is NOT PASSIVE**
 - It calls us into an ACTIVE, fresh strong efficient powerful, vital, blessed, lifestyle
 - d) "soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age"
 - Soberly: moderately, not drunken or under ungodly influences; "with a sound mind"; temperate, discreet, with self-control
 - Righteously: equitably, justly, Biblical idea of righteousness is living "as we ought to" as we were created to live – living our true identity as sons and daughters of God
 - "Godly"
 - reflecting God's character,
 - Through grace having the character of God reproduced in us
 - Message: "a God-filled, God-honoring life"

3. Actively seeking

- a) NKJV: looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
- b) Message: This new life is starting right now, (13) and is whetting our appetites for the glorious day when our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
- c) NLT: we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ
- d) Looking
 - Strong's: to await with confidence or patience
 - Thayer: to receive, accept and expect
 - "Anxiously await"
 - Our lives should be defined by an attitude of expectancy
 - Grace should produce in us expectancy NOT compacency
- e) Applies to
 - The future return of Christ, which could be at any moment
 - But also as the Message conveys, "This new life is starting right now"
 - Jesus is being revealed right now, in a multitude of ways
 - We need to be active in "looking" seeking out, being ready receive and accept the "glorious appearing" of Jesus every day

Conclusion

1. God's Grace empowers us to live a life
 - a) Denying ungodliness
 - b) Living righteousness
 - c) Looking forward to the revealing of Jesus now and upon His return