

Sermon Based Discussion

Sermon Title: "Grace That Brings Salvation"

Sermon Series: Putting the Church in Order (The Book of Titus)

Sermon Text: Titus 2:11-15

OPENING QUESTION

1. When you were a kid, what did your parents use most to motivate you: fear of punishment or offer of reward? What worked on you?

INTO THE BIBLE (Read Titus 2:11-15)

2. If salvation is by God's grace, what does that imply about whether any human deserves help from God?
3. Why would some people be surprised that God's grace teaches Christians to renounce sin?
4. According to verse 14, why did Jesus come?
5. How does waiting expectantly for Jesus to come back empower people to live for God?

GOING DEEPER (Sharing/Application)

6. If nobody deserves God to help them, how should this influence our prayers or expectations when we want God to help us?
7. How should grace influence the way we feel towards the kindness God does show us?
8. How can a person (either a Christian or non-Christian) practically spend time reflecting upon the coming of Jesus Christ?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness... while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:11, 13)

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this." (C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*)