

**Titus- Part 9: Titus 2:11-12**

**July Memory Verse:** **Titus 2:11 (ESV)** *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people*

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**1. The appearing of God's grace.**

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**For the grace of God:**

- **Grace (*charis*) = is unmerited favor of GOD!**
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**Ephesians 2:8 (ESV)** *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...*

**2 Thess. 3:18 (ESV)** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

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**John 17-18 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup> *For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* <sup>18</sup> *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

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**Hebrews 4:15-16 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup> *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.* <sup>16</sup> *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**The grace of God has appeared.**

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**1 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)** *Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.*

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**Romans 1:3-6 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ...

**John 1:9-16 (ESV)** <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

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**Matthew 1:20-21 (ESV)** <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

**Bringing salvation for all people:**

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**Isaiah 66:24 (ESV)** "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

**John 10:27-28 (ESV)** <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

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**2. Training us to renounce and receive.**

**Titus 2:12 (ESV)** training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age...

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**Training us:** To educate, train, teach and or correct and carries the imagery of rearing a child.

**Mark 10:15 (ESV)** Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

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**RENOUNCE:** Training us to renounce in 2 ways.

1) Renounce ungodliness.

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**Luke 9:23 (ESV)** And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

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2) Renounce worldly passions.

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**1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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**RECEIVE:** Training us to receive sound instruction in 3 ways.

1) Receive training on living self-controlled.

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**2 Tim. 1:7 (ESV)** for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

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2) Receive training on living upright.

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**Matt. 7:1-3 (ESV)** *“Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”*

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**3. Receive training on living godly in this present age.**

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**1 John 3:7-8 (ESV)** *<sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

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**Interpretation: Follow-up questions.**

- What does the grace of God mean to you? In your own words, define grace. (Eph. 2:8-10)
- What does it mean that the grace of God appeared?
- Who is the grace of God?
- What is the outcome of God’s grace? How is one to understand that grace brings salvation to all?
- How are we understand the universal opportunity of salvation? (John 3:16-18)
- What does it mean that God’s grace teaches us? (Mark 10:15)
- What does grace teach us to renounce?
- What does grace teach us to receive?