



Titus 2

¹¹ 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.

OUR CONDUCT MUST BE CONNECTED TO OUR SALVATION!

Transformation, not just transportation!

TOO MANY HAVE LOST THEIR VISION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!

My emotional meter has been off the charts as of lately.

- Dallas conference
- Sight and Sound Theater
- Walk for life

➤ **LEARNING**

teaching us that

DENYING

ἀρνέομαι arnéomai, ar-neh'-om-ahē; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate:—deny, refuse. **SAYING NO**

- **Ungodliness and worldly lusts**

One may say that in a world where we are tempted to say “Yes” to every desire and feelings, that the reality of our faith can be demonstrated by what we say *no* to, by what we are willing to deny.

➤ **In the present age**

WHO IS GOING TO BE THE VOICE OF TRUTH FOR THIS GENERATION AND FUTURE GENERATIONS?

What we say should reflect on how we live.

Ill. Song- Gratitude- Brandon Lake

“So come on, my soul
Oh, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord.”

✓ **LIVING** demonstrated by the above teachers.

“Wherever the grace of God comes effectually, it makes the loose liver deny the desires of the flesh; it causes the man who lusted after gold to conquer his greediness; it brings the proud man away from his ambitions; it trains the idler to diligence, and it sobers the wanton mind which cared only for the frivolities of life. Not only do we leave these lusts, but we deny them.” (Spurgeon)

Romans 13:14- But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Galatians 5:16- *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:24- And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

There are some Christians that don't act like Christians. Unloving, unkind, proud, cursing, etc.

Acts 9:36-43

- **There was a noticeable difference between being dead and being alive.**

There should be a major distinct difference between being dead or alive.

Presented alive- 2 Timothy 2:15 4:17- “stood with me and strengthened me”

III. Football team uniforms

III. WOL contract

Legalism

2 Corinthians 5:15- And *that* he died for all, that they which live [G2198](#) should [G2198](#) not henceforth live [G2198](#) unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Galatians 2:20- I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; [G2198](#) yet not I, but Christ liveth [G2198](#) in me: and the life which I [G2198](#) now live [G2198](#) in the flesh I live [G2198](#) by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

1 Thessalonians 1:9- For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living [G2198](#) and true God;

1 John 4:9- In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live [G2198](#) through him.

we should live soberly, righteously, and godly

Don't miss the major connection between these verses with the previous instructions.

to live discreet (temperate, self-controlled), upright, devout (spiritually whole) lives in this present world (Amp)

● soberly

*(**sophronos** from **sozo** = save + **phren**= mind) is an adverb meaning with sound mind and thus pertains to being prudent. We are to live with self-control, with self-restraint, rationally (belief or action that is in accord with reason), soberly (this word stresses seriousness of purpose and absence of levity or frivolity), self-controlled (exercising restraint over one's own impulses, emotions and desires, a fruit of the Spirit), moderately and discreetly.*

1. practicing Christian disciplines

- **Baptism- an outward, public declaration of an inward spiritual transformation**
- **Bible reading and study- The Bible acts as the foundational, authoratative Word of God for Christian faith.**
- **Church attendance**
- **Worship**
- **Tithing**
- **Praying**
- **Fasting**
- **Serving- mission**

2. demonstrating Christian values

safe (sound) in mind, i.e. self-controlled (moderate as to opinion or passion):—discreet, sober, temperate.

1 Timothy 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:10; 2 Peter 1

✓ **What God brings us to, He will bring us through!**

Christians should be the most joyful people on the planet!

- **Soberly**

● Righteously

In simple terms, believers under the instruction of the grace of God, should just do right (live... righteously) no matter what others may do! Believers who honestly understand the grace of God will not want to live in sin. They will turn from ungodliness and worldly lusts; they will live serious, righteous, godly lives in this present world.

1. walking in Christlikeness

Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Ephesians 6:14; 1 Timothy 6:11

2. aligning our lives with the righteousness of God

2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 6

● Soberly, righteously

● godly

1. acknowledging the lordship of Christ

6612 times- **Lord** Joshua 24:15 Luke 6:46; Romans 14:8-11; Ephesians 4:5- **One**
Lord

2. seeking to please God daily in everything

2 Corinthians 5:9

A W Pink says that **godly**...is the attitude of our hearts towards God, ever seeking His glory. Godliness is made up of three ingredients, or more accurately, it issues from three springs—faith, fear, love.

Living in regard to ourselves
Living in regard to people around us
Living in regard to our God

Taking God seriously!

1 Thessalonians 2:10

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.

✓ **LOOKING**

3 Aspects of looking

A. The focus is on the One you are waiting for

Our great God and Savior

depicts what is to be the believer's continual attitude in this present age

"to stay in place in expectation of", "to remain stationary in readiness or expectation"

To be truly “looking for that blessed hope” is a spiritual attitude: it is the longing of those whose hearts are right with God. Thus, our text may be summed up in three words: grace, godliness, glory. ([Grace Preparing for Glory](#))

Blessed Assurance Fanny Crosby

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

B. The anticipation is for the One who saved us

who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us

Redemption means “to be bought out of slavery by the paying of a ransom.” We are bought out of our slavery to sin, and purchased for His service.

“The word we have translated *special* (*periousios*) is interesting. It means *reserved for*; and it was specially used for that part of the spoils of a

battle or a campaign which the king who had conquered set apart especially for himself.” (Barclay)

C. The blessed hope is for the One who will finish our salvation story

1 Thessalonians 4; Acts 1:11

The Three Stages of Salvation

- **Justification (Past):** Saved from the *penalty* of sin, accomplished by Jesus on the cross and received at conversion.
- **Sanctification (Present):** Being saved from the *power* of sin, a lifelong process of maturing and growing in holiness.
- **Glorification (Future):** Saved from the *presence* of sin, completed at Christ’s return or death, when believers receive perfected, resurrected bodies

Romans 8:28-29; Romans 5:9

<u>Titus 2:11</u>	Past Tense	“the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation” (<u>aoist tense</u>)	Justification: One time event
<u>Titus 2:12</u>	Present Tense	“instructing us” (<u>present tense</u>)	Sanctification: A lifelong process
<u>Titus 2:13</u>	Future Tense	“looking for the Blessed Hope”**	Glorification: One time event

- He came the first time to save the soul of man; He will come a second time to resurrect the body.
- He came the first time to save the individual; He will come a second time to save society.
- He came the first time to a crucifixion; He will come a second time to a coronation.
- He came the first time to a tree; He will come a second time to a throne.
- He came the first time in humility; He will come a second time in glory.
- He came the first time and was judged by men; He will come a second time to judge all men.

- He came the first time and stood before Pilate; He will come a second time and Pilate will stand before Him.