

**BIG IDEA** 

God's grace saves us - and changes us.

Titus 2:11-15

**BIBLE** 

# **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

Paul reminds us that we didn't earn God's love- it's a gift! But that gift should change the way we live, helping us turn from sin and live with purpose.

## WHAT? What are we talking about today?

## HOOK - Would you change if you were forgiven?

- Imagine someone saw every mistake you've ever made—every lie, every mean comment, every time you hurt someone or ignored what was right—and instead of punishing you, they said, "I forgive you. Completely. You're free."
- What would you do with that kind of grace?
- Would you go back to the same old mistakes... or would something inside you want to change?
- That's what Paul is talking about in Titus 2. God's grace isn't just about letting us off the hook—it's about inviting us into a new kind of life. A life shaped by gratitude, purpose, and transformation.

#### Main Point:

• Paul reminds us that God's grace is the greatest gift we've ever been given. We didn't earn it, and we don't deserve it. But God gave it to us through Jesus. And that gift doesn't just save us—it changes the way we live.

## Titus 2:11-15 Highlights:

"The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people..."  $\rightarrow$  God's grace teaches us to say "no" to sin and "yes" to living a godly life.

## Explain Key Ideas:

- Grace: God's undeserved love and forgiveness.
- Transformation: When we receive God's grace, we start to live differently-from the inside out.

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- Jesus' Purpose (v.14):
  - 1. To give Himself for us
  - 2. To redeem us from sin
  - 3. To purify us as His own special people

#### **SO WHAT?** Why does it matter to God and to us?

#### God's grace isn't just something we talk about-it's something that shows up in how we live.

- When we say "yes" to Jesus, His grace begins to shape everything about us.
- In Titus 2, Paul explains how this grace trains us to live a different kind of life
- Living a life changed by grace reveals four important things:
  - 1. Grace reveals God's passion
    - When we live differently, it shows the world that God cares deeply about saving people. Every good choice you make is a way of showing others how much God loves them—and how much He loves you.
    - "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people..." (Titus 2:11)
  - 2. Grace reveals God's presence
    - The way we live tells people whether or not Jesus is truly alive in us. You can't fake real change for long—if God's grace is in your life, others will see it.
    - Jesus said, "They will know you by your fruit." (See Matthew 7:16)
  - 3. Grace reveals our priorities
    - When God's grace changes us, our choices change too. What matters to Him starts to matter to us. Instead of just doing what feels good or what's popular, we begin to live with purpose.
    - "We say 'no' to ungodliness and 'yes' to self-control and godly lives." (Titus 2:12, paraphrased)
  - 4. Grace reveals our purpose
    - You were made for more than just getting by. You were made to be part of God's big plan. When grace takes root in your life, you start living like someone with a mission.
    - "You are God's masterpiece, created to do good things." (See Ephesians 2:10)

#### **NOW WHAT?** What does God want us to do about it?

Challenge for Students:

- Think of one area in your life where you've been saying "yes" to things that aren't helping you follow Jesus.
- Ask God for help to say "no" to sin and "yes" to what's right this week.
- Remember: You don't do this alone. God's grace trains you like a coach helps an athlete.
- Next Step:
  - Memorize Titus 2:11-12 this week
  - Ask: Does my life show that I belong to Jesus?
  - Talk about this in small groups