



Taught by Grace

Brent Moody · Titus 2:11–3:8 · Series: **Grace**

INTRODUCTION

- This morning I want to finish up a short series we've been doing through the topic of grace on the concept of grace.
- We've introduced some ideas about what grace is, the reciprocal nature of it, how it's not just what God has given, but also what we return to Him.
- Mostly talking about the book of Titus and some things that are said there, particularly in chapter two and a little bit in chapter three.

1 The Grace of God Has Appeared to All

Titus 2:11

- Paul tells Titus, God's grace has appeared to all, even to these Cretans, to these people who struggled with greed and selfishness and sin, the ones that Titus was laboring among.
- This is an epiphany. It's something that's sudden, a moment of sudden and great change.
- That God himself came in the flesh as man. And he gave himself, for our sins, to save us, to deliver us, and that is for everyone.

2 The Language of Grace Throughout Scripture

Romans 6:1–18; Philemon 1:17–20

- The biblical writers actually house most of their teaching through this concept. This is the way you should live. Why should you live this way? Because Jesus did it for you.
- Titus and Philemon have the greatest concentration of grace language in all of the New Testament.
- This completely misunderstands the concept of grace to have this perspective that God would give us this free gift, and then we just don't have to do anything.
- You were redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, therefore you should live a certain way with that knowledge.

3 Grace Trains Us to Renounce Ungodliness

Titus 2:12; Romans 2:4; Colossians 2:11–13

- What Paul is saying is the blessing of God and what God has done for you, when you really consider that, when you look at that, it's now going to transform who you are.
- Grace is meant to lead to transformation. Paul says the kindness of God is meant to lead us to repentance in Romans chapter 2 and verse 4.
- If grace is really affecting me, if it's transforming and changing me, then I'm going to realize I need to deny ungodliness and worldly lust.

- It's a testimony, it is a proclamation that I am unworthy, and who I am now cannot possibly acquire the gift of God.
- I am fully dependent upon his grace. I have to give up who I am. I have to deny myself.

4 Grace Trains Us to Live Self-Controlled, Upright, Godly Lives

Titus 2:12

- Grace trains us or teaches us how to live. It's not just the things that we get rid of.
- You've been redeemed. You've been blessed by God's grace, and now you should live like it.
- Piety is that I've decided that this is the most important thing. God and his people and the things of God, that's what matters most.
- I'm suggesting maybe we start to see them as one, all under the category of submission to the will of God.

5 Waiting for Our Blessed Hope

Titus 2:13–14

- We're doing this waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us.
- Why is it that we can await this return with peace, without terror? Well, it's because Paul says he gave himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed.
- He purified us for himself. We're his people, and as his people, within his kingdom, it is our joy, our glory to be able to praise him and honor him in our life.
- The goal is while we are here for this short time to return the honor and glory to God that He deserves.

6 Grace Is Always Giving Birth to Grace

- Grace is always giving birth to grace. Biblical grace is a grace that is reciprocal.
- Cheap grace, Bonhoeffer says, is the grace we bestow upon ourselves.
- If all I do is take and take and take, never any return, that is not understanding the idea of biblical grace.

THE CHALLENGE

How is God's grace transforming me? What is it doing to me today? How am I going to be different throughout today or tomorrow because of what God has done for me?

MY NOTES
