

## Titus 2:11-14

11 For what does that mean? **Indeed** the grace **undeserved goodness and kindness** **gracious** **manner of act** of belonging to God **what is grace** .... **Gods enabling to serve him in this context** has **past tense** appeared **how?** **(it once was not visible - tangibility)** , bringing **with grace** **salvation deliverance** for all people **(all kinds of people, everyone without exception)** **a man of the human race**, 12 training **as in star wars** us **grace trains us**. I get the sense this is a practical training, akin to athletics or similar, rather than book learning and education **instructing us, train up from a child, educate discipline**, **how does grace train us...is it to do with inward motivation** to renounce **(to turn away from, or abandon)** **abnigate, disavow, reject** **ungodliness** **needs** defining. Has to do with lack of piety and reverence **wickedness** and worldly **of or like earth** passions **John said the same thing - all that is in the world - desires of the flesh, eyes and pride is not of God but is from the world - what are these things? How do we know what are the passions of the world?** **(living by the spirit and not by the flesh-work of salvation)** **lust, desire, eagerness for**, and to live self-controlled **is this in contrast to worldly passions?** **this is now the** fifth time Paul has spoken of self-control!.... **draws us back to opening verses**, **prudently**, **discreetly with moderation** upright **righteously, justly**, and godly lives **piously** in the present age...**more teaching against gnostic teaching real bodies real life now** **(here and now, immediacy,**

godly lives start now), starting now and in perpetuity **13** waiting this waiting should impact our lives not just hanging on our lives feature waiting as key element admit endurance for our blessed to be envied hope... solid sure hope for not more pain sorrow or death ... what is the blessed hope?, the appearing grace has already appeared; now we await the appearing of God's glory of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ Jesus is both "our great God" and "Saviour" the blessed hope is the same as the appearing of Jesus - second coming, - why is it a hope? The grace of God appeared (v11) in his first coming, bringing salvation. The glory of God will appear at his second coming, taking us with Him as a possession. Grace = bringing, Glory = taking. **14** who gave himself joyful exciting truth also a motivation for us to do the same (speaks of being willing, no coercion) for us to redeem (requires definition, is this the language of redeem in the market sense, or temple ritual) us (true love-selfless) from all lawlessness... it is possible for all of us to be free (totality) and to purify Paul has listed redemption and purification as separate elements to salvation. These correspond to justification and sanctification for himself a people for his own possession... again amazing exciting truth (implies humans belonged to something/someone else prior) (Adopted into his family) who are zealous... look into the zealousness of Jesus for good works (we are not saved by good works but saved for good works).

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**Overarching point:** God's grace is our teacher, teaching us to wait well.

**What the text preaches about the nature and character of God:**

- God is good! He has shown grace so that we can live, otherwise we cannot live like this!

**What the text preaches to me (my response to who God is):**

- How do we live in the time between the appearing and the appearing?
- Living Godly lives - what has God done?
  - Live holy lives - disciplined, self controlled
  - Love others - bless those who persecute - this is what God has done.
  - Bring salvation to the world - this is what God has done.
    - Model - Living in such a way that is different from worldly standards
    - Declare - Speak the truth
    - Inact - Become the truth we are speaking and living