

# THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED

The Work of Grace  
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Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Grace leaves nothing the same!

So what's so great about grace?

I. Grace Saves [Past] (2:11, 14; 3:5)

*Have you experienced the grace of God by asking Jesus to forgive you for your sins?*

II. Grace Trains Us [Present] (2:12; 3:5c-6)

*Are you experiencing the transforming work of grace in your life today?*

III. Grace fills us with Hope [Future] (2:13; 3:7c)

Certainty of the future fills us with anticipation that endures and gives us hope for today.

*Do you have hope?*

How does this apply to me?

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## INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

### GRACE WORKS

#### PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

The very first sentence of chapter 3 says, "be ready for every good work". Two more times in the following verses, Paul urges the believers on Crete to "devote themselves to good works". We are not saved by good works, but saved people do good works.

The work of grace in our lives is powerful and life giving. We were foolish sinners. We were enslaved by evil passions that produced chaos in relationships with those around us. God's grace changes all of that. His grace saves us, apart from any effort or work of our own. His grace justifies us, giving us life eternal. But while it is tempting to stop there, we cannot.

Grace works. It not only works in us, but it works through us. We are not saved by good works, but we are saved unto good works. Saved people do good works. It is simple. It is powerful. It is necessary.

Look at your own life this week. Where do you see grace working out through your life? Ask God to make you sensitive to the good things He wants you to do for His glory. Then seek to work, not for your salvation, but because you have been saved.

#### READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

Titus 3



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