

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Titus 2:11-15
- b) What is grace?
 - i) Grace is God's love to us.
 - ii) Grace is God's love that causes God to give to us when there is no merit and much demerit.
 - (1) When we do not even want it, He must find us and persuade us that we need it.
 - iii) Grace is God's love that gives at great cost to God Himself.
 - (1) Anyone (any place, any time, no matter how wicked) can come to Him in repentance and faith and will be eternally saved by the grace of God.
 - (2) There is not one thing to earn, but there is much to learn.
 - (a) Titus 2:11-12
- c) The lifestyle that is a disgrace to grace is worldliness.
 - i) Titus 2:12
 - ii) This is a great problem in the church today.
 - (1) Many love the message of grace but do not want to hear teaching about worldliness.
 - (a) Titus 2:15
 - iii) The devil does not want us to hear about the grace of God.
 - (1) So, he denies grace.
 - (2) If he cannot deny grace, then he tries to distort grace.
 - (a) He would have us to believe that since we are saved by grace and grace only and that works do not save us nor keep us saved, then it does not make any difference how we live.
 - (i) There is no more devilish lie than that.
 - iv) We need to pray that God will keep our lives from being a disgrace to grace.
 - d) A worldly Christian is a contradiction in terms.
 - i) Someone once said that we might as well speak of a heavenly devil as to speak of a worldly Christian.
 - e) The world has become so churchy, and the church has become so worldly.
 - i) People do not understand the principle of Biblical separation.
 - f) What is meant by worldliness? What is the world?
 - i) Titus 2:12
 - (1) In this passage, the word "world" is not speaking of the planet Earth.
 - (a) There is nothing wrong with this terrestrial globe.
 - (i) God created it.
 1. Genesis 1:1
 - (ii) Jesus loved nature.
 1. Matthew 6:28
 2. Psalm 24:1
 3. If we love nature, then we love what Jesus loved.

- ii) When the Bible speaks of the world, it is not speaking of the planet Earth or the people who live on it.
 - (1) There is nothing wrong with loving people.
 - (a) If we do not love people, then there is something wrong with us.
 - (2) John 3:16
 - (a) If God loves people, then we can love them.
- iii) The word that is translated “world” is the Greek word “cosmos.”
 - (1) It means a system, an order of things, and a philosophy.
 - (a) For example, we speak of the world of sports or the world of business.
- iv) 1 John 2:15
 - (1) We cannot love this world’s system and love God Almighty at the same time.
- g) In today’s message, we will look at this world system and how we are to be separated from it.

2) THE WORLD SYSTEM

- a) The world has a prince.
 - i) John 12:31
 - ii) The prince of this world is Satan himself.
 - iii) John 14:30
 - (1) There was nothing that Satan could accuse Jesus of.
 - (2) There was no temptation with which Satan could allure Jesus.
 - (3) Jesus had no wrong the devil could accuse.
 - iv) Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit who would come and bring judgment.
 - (1) John 16:11
 - v) 1 John 5:19
 - (1) Scholars tell us that the phrase “lieth in wickedness” literally means “cradled in the lap of wickedness.”
 - (2) In this passage, “wickedness” means “the wicked one.”
 - (a) It is Satan who has this world system in his arms rocking it to sleep.
 - vi) The world system is antithetical against grace.
 - vii) Behind this system there is a mastermind.
 - (1) Its mastermind is Satan.
 - (a) He has many underlings who call him master.
 - (b) He has an intricate organization.
 - (i) There is a network of wickedness.
 - (ii) Ephesians 6:12
 - 1. A principality is an organization under the leadership of a prince.
 - (c) There is a great conspiracy.
 - (i) The Bible calls it the mystery of iniquity.
- b) The world has a philosophy.

- i) There is an enticing network of ideas and values that are skillfully woven to enslave the guilty and to entrap the innocent.
- ii) 1 Corinthians 2:12
 - (1) This passage speaks of the spirit of the world.
 - (a) There is a worldly spirit.
- iii) 1 Corinthians 3:19
 - (1) This verse speaks of the wisdom of this world.
 - (a) The devil is cunning.
 - (i) He is brilliantly stupid and hideously beautiful.
- iv) 1 Corinthians 7:31
 - (1) This speaks of the fashion of this world which is passing away.
- v) 2 Peter 2:20
 - (1) This speaks of the pollution of the world.
- vi) There is a philosophy, and it is in the movies, television, news, and in the world of religion.
- vii) It may seem innocent, beautiful, and harmless.
 - (1) But it is a system, a philosophy.
- c) The world has a purpose.
 - i) When we are saved by grace, we are to deny worldly lusts.
 - (1) Titus 2:12
 - ii) There is a calculated plan and an unwavering purpose of this world system.
 - iii) The world is hostile to the things of God.
 - iv) John 7:7
 - (1) The world hates Jesus.
 - (2) All the people of the world don't hate Jesus, nature doesn't hate Jesus, but there is a system that hates Jesus.
 - (a) They do not hate the baby Jesus.
 - (b) They do not hate the Jesus who heals.
 - (c) They do not hate the Jesus who has ritual.
 - (d) They do not hate the religious Jesus.
 - (3) They hate the righteous Jesus.
 - (a) They hate the Jesus who says right is right and wrong is wrong.
 - (b) Jesus rips the veil of darkness away and shows this system for what it is.
 - v) John 14:17
 - (1) When we tell people of this world what we believe, they cannot understand us.
 - (a) They are not lying when they say that they do not see it.
 - (i) They don't see it.
 - (ii) The Bible speaks of the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive.
 - 1. This is the Holy Spirit.
 - vi) Jesus gives a warning to Christians wanting to flirt with the world.

- (1) John 15:18
 - (a) Are you better than Jesus?
 - (b) Do you want the world to love you that hates Jesus?
 - (2) James 4:4
 - (a) Anyone who is a friend to this world's system is shaking their fist in the face of God.
 - (i) That person has declared war on God Himself.
 - vii) Satan's purpose is to draw away our hearts and minds from Jesus and from the things of God until he can enthrone his own king, the antichrist, on the Earth.
 - d) The world has a people.
 - i) There are people who are in this world system.
 - ii) Luke 16:8
 - (1) We are not to hate people as such, but we are to hate the system that has enslaved these people.
 - iii) Do not be surprised when we have difficulty as a child of God.
 - (1) This world is not our home.
 - (2) We are twice-born people in a world of once-born people.
 - (a) What we have, where we are headed, and what we believe are completely opposite.
 - (i) Our faith starts at a different source.
 - 1. It follows a different course.
 - 2. It ends at a different conclusion.
 - (3) Do not be surprised when we find ourselves going against the tide.
 - e) We are members of the human world.
 - i) We live in the physical world, but we are not to be a part of the Satanic, world system.
 - (1) We are to be separated.
- 3) WE ARE TO BE SEPARATE (TITUS 2:11-12)
- a) Titus 2:11-12
 - i) We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.
 - b) We are in the world, but we're not of the world.
 - i) John 17:14
 - c) The Apostle Paul said that our first duty, having been saved by grace, is to separate from the world.
 - i) Romans 12:1-2
 - (1) Titus 2:11-12 is just a shortened version of the book of Romans.
 - d) The very word for "church" means "a group of people called out."
 - i) The church is called out.
 - ii) We are to be different.
 - iii) We are to be separate.
 - iv) A Christian ought to stand out in this world's system.
 - (1) John 15:19

- (2) Quit trying to win popularity contests.
- (3) We don't want to unnecessarily make enemies, but we don't want to betray Jesus or the Word of God.
- v) We hear a lot about the separation of church and state.
 - (1) The message the church needs to hear is the message on the separation of church and world.
 - (a) This is why the Apostle John gave us a warning.
 - (i) 1 John 2:15-17
- e) Lot was a saved man, and while he was saved by grace, he failed to learn the lesson of Titus 2:11-12.
 - i) 2 Peter 1:1-2
 - (1) Peace follows grace, and it all comes through faith.
 - ii) Peter gave examples of some who would be a disgrace to grace.
 - (1) 2 Peter 2:6-9
 - (a) Sodom and Gomorrah and their destruction are examples.
 - (b) Lot was a righteous man.
 - (i) In order for him to be just and righteous, he had to be saved by the grace of God.
 - (c) Lot was saved by grace, and he was kept by grace.
 - (i) Yet, he was what we would call a worldly Christian.
 - 1. He received the grace of God, but he did not deny worldly lusts.
 - 2. Lot is a classic example of a man who was a disgrace to grace.
- f) The biography of Lot:
 - i) Lot was the nephew of Abraham.
 - ii) God called Abraham out of Mesopotamia and made him the father of the Jewish nation.
 - (1) When Abraham went to the land of Canaan, Lot went with him.
 - iii) Lot loved God and was saved.
 - (1) The Bible tells us that he was just and righteous.
 - iv) Abraham and Lot had a lot of flocks and herds.
 - (1) There was not enough grazing land for both families.
 - (a) There was a dispute.
 - v) Genesis 13:5-6
 - (1) This passage tells us that we can be rich and righteous at the same time.
 - vi) Genesis 13:7-9
 - (1) Abraham said to Lot for them not to argue.
 - (2) He let Lot choose what area he wanted.
 - vii) Genesis 13:11-12
 - (1) Lot chose, without prayer and without looking to God.
 - (a) His salvation had become a self-service cafeteria line.
 - (2) Lot wanted all that Sodom had to offer.

- (a) "Sodom" in the Bible stands for "the world."
- (b) It stands for all that God hates.
- (c) It was unspeakably wicked, yet there was an attraction for Lot.

4) FOUR PRINCIPLES CONCERNING THE WORLD

- a) Resist the pull of the world.
 - i) It pulls on us.
 - ii) Jesus was tempted in all points like as we.
 - (1) Hebrews 4:15
 - iii) 1 Corinthians 10:12
 - iv) What was pulling on Lot?
 - (1) The world with its money.
 - (2) The world with its business.
 - (3) The world with its pleasure.
 - (4) The world with its social life.
 - v) Lot had no prayer.
 - (1) He was not seeking God.
 - (2) There was no thought for the welfare of his children.
 - vi) Lot's decision was economical.
 - (1) No person has the right to make all the money he can.
 - (a) We might make money the wrong way and at the wrong time.
 - (2) 1 Timothy 6:10
 - (3) Matthew 6:33
 - (4) People say that a person has to live.
 - (a) No, he has to die.
 - (b) After he dies, he has to face God.
 - vii) Sodom was Satan's masterpiece.
 - (1) 1 John 2:16
 - (2) There was the lust of the flesh.
 - (a) Sodom with its pleasures.
 - (3) There was the lust of the eyes.
 - (a) Sodom with its possessions.
 - (4) There was the pride of life.
 - (a) Sodom with its philosophy.
 - viii) Lot's sin was not a sin only the rich have.
 - (1) A person can be poor and covetous.
 - ix) The world flirted with Lot, and he was enticed.
 - (1) He became a friend of the world and committed adultery with God.
 - x) The same forces that worked on Lot are working on us today.
- b) Refuse the persuasion of the world.
 - i) Romans 12:1-2
 - ii) How did Lot end up in such a horrible state?
 - (1) The devil began to work very subtly on him.
 - (2) Lot moved in the wrong direction.

- (a) Genesis 13:12
 - (i) It was a little compromise.
- (3) He made a wrong decision.
 - (a) He becomes at home in Sodom.
 - (b) Genesis 14:12
 - (i) First, he pitched his tent toward Sodom, and now he dwells in Sodom.
 - (ii) He got into Sodom an inch at a time.
 - 1. We move toward Sodom a step at a time.
- (4) There is a woeful deception.
 - (a) Genesis 19:1
 - (i) First, he moved toward Sodom.
 - (ii) Then, he was dwelling in Sodom.
 - (iii) Now, Lot is sitting in the gate as Sodom.
 - 1. That was the courthouse where decisions were made.
 - 2. He had become a city councilman there in Sodom.
 - (b) He was at home and working in Sodom.
 - (c) His conscience had become dull.
 - (i) He was no longer shocked at sin.
 - (ii) What used to amaze him now amuses him.
 - (d) Genesis 19:7
 - (i) Lot called the Sodomites his brothers.
 - 1. Lot moved into Sodom, and Sodom moved into him.
 - (e) The world conformed and corrupted him.
- c) Realize the pollution of Sodom.
 - i) Sodom was so wicked that God was going to destroy it with fire and brimstone.
 - (1) Genesis 19:24
 - ii) Genesis 19:1-11
 - (1) God sent two angels to warn Lot that Sodom was going to be destroyed.
 - (2) The Sodomites sought to sexually attack these holy angels.
 - (3) Lot, who had been called a just man and righteous man, had become so low and vile that he offered his two daughters to the wicked men of Sodom to avert himself from the judgment of the angels.
 - (4) When Lot finally spoke to his sons-in-law to try to get them to flee Sodom, they simply mocked him.
 - (a) Genesis 19:12-14
 - (b) Some people today say that their works don't matter since they are saved by grace.
 - (i) They say that they can be in the world and of the world and still go to Heaven.
 - (ii) If we are saved by grace and sin, we will not lose our salvation.
 - 1. But we will lose much.

2. We may lose our families.
 - a. Lot's sons-in-law died and went to Hell.
 - b. Some are going to Heaven, but their loved ones are going to Hell because of the ungodly lives they lived as a child of God.
3. Titus 2:11-12
- d) Remember the price.
 - i) When judgment fell on Sodom, fire poured from Heaven.
 - (1) Luke 17:29
 - ii) It costs to serve Satan.
 - (1) It costs every day.
 - (2) It costs every step of the way.
 - iii) 1 Corinthians 3:15
 - (1) The angel had to take Lot by the hand and pull him out of Sodom.
 - (2) Lot's wife turned around and turned into a pillar of salt.
 - (3) Lot lost his family, his possessions, and the influence he could have had.
 - (a) There was a life wasted.
 - iv) There is no greater tragedy than a person who becomes a disgrace to grace.
- 5) CONCLUSION
 - a) There is a system, and that system is working on you today.
 - i) The world has a prince.
 - ii) The world has a philosophy.
 - iii) The world has a power and a purpose.
 - (1) And it is working on you today.
 - b) We should never use grace as an excuse to sin.
 - i) Grace should be used as an emphasis to love and serve the Lord.
 - c) We are not saved by good works or by turning over a new leaf.
 - d) We are saved by receiving a new life through Jesus Christ.
 - e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
 - f) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16