**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Being saved is God’s amazing grace.
   2. Titus 2:11-15
      1. What a wonderful blessing this grace is.
      2. In this passage of Scripture:
         1. The saved will see their spiritual biography.
         2. The unsaved will see their spiritual possibility.
   3. In today’s message, we will look at five aspects of grace.
2. what grace brought (Titus 2:11)
   1. Titus 2:11
   2. Grace has brought salvation.
      1. The only way that we can be saved is for grace to bring salvation to us.
   3. Why do we need to be saved?
      1. Ephesians 2:1
         1. Man is dead, and he needs life.
            1. It is not just that there is something wrong.
            2. There is something drastically wrong.
      2. Anyone without the Lord Jesus Christ is:
         1. Dead.
            1. How can someone be dead if they are still existing?

Death is not the separation of the soul from the body.

Death is the separation of the soul from God.

* + - * 1. A person does not have to be saved to have eternal existence.

We will have eternal existence either in Heaven or Hell.

* + - * 1. You have everlasting existence, but you do not have everlasting life until you have Jesus Christ.

John 10:10

* + - 1. Devilish.
         1. Ephesians 2:2

The “prince of the power of the air” is the devil.

* + - * 1. The unsaved are in the grasp, domain, and rule of Satan.
        2. John 8:44
      1. Disobedient.
         1. Ephesians 2:2
         2. We have broken God’s laws.

Romans 3:23

* + - * 1. Romans 6:23
        2. Ezekiel 18:20

That is why we are dead.

* + - 1. Depraved.
         1. Ephesians 2:3

“Our conversation” means our behavior in times past.

We have a sinful nature.

It was inherited from our parents.

Our parents inherited it from their parents and they from Adam.

Psalm 58:3

* + - * 1. Psalm 51:5

This passage does not mean that she was a sinner when she conceived him.

It means that he was conceived with a sinful nature.

That is the reason why people need more than culture or cultivation.

If a baby rattlesnake is separated from all other rattlesnakes and treated with love and kindness, he will still grow up to be a big rattlesnake.

He has the venom in him.

He has the nature of a rattlesnake.

So it is that no one is ever cultured or educated into the Kingdom.

* 1. Ephesians 2:4-5
     1. In this passage, “hath quickened us” means “to be made alive with Christ.”
  2. How can a dead man be raised?
     1. Giving him an example of what life is like cannot raise him.
     2. Giving him lessons on life and education will not raise him.
     3. Giving him encouragement will not raise him.
     4. Putting him in an environment with a lot of live people won’t raise him.
     5. Can example, education, encouragement, or environment do it?
        1. No, but that is exactly what the world is trying to do.
     6. A dead man cannot do it, and no one can do it for him.
        1. There is only one who can, and that is God.
     7. Ephesians 2:5, 8
     8. We cannot save ourselves any more than a dead man, by his own will and volition, could come back to life.
        1. Nor could anyone else save us, apart from God.
  3. We are not saved by the merit of man but by the mercy of God.
  4. We are not saved by the goodness of man but by the grace of God.
  5. Salvation is not a reward for the righteous.
     1. It is a gift for the guilty.
        1. This is what grace has brought.

1. what grace taught (titus 2:11-12)
   1. Titus 2:11
      1. The grace that has brought us salvation is the grace that teaches us.
         1. Titus 2:12
   2. What grace has taught is sanctification.
   3. Because we are saved by grace does not mean that we continue to live in sin.
      1. Romans 6:1-2
      2. Being saved by the grace of God does not mean that we can get saved and live anyway we want.
   4. Once someone is saved, that person comes out of “law” school and goes into “grace” school.
      1. Grace school never closes.
      2. The teacher never fails to show up.
      3. We are continually being taught.
         1. With salvation there is nothing to earn; there is much to learn.
         2. Discipleship means learning.
            1. A disciple is a learner.
            2. We are learning to live as we are supposed to live.
            3. That is the reason that no one can say that they have graduated from grace school.

God is not finished with us yet.

Philippians 1:6

We are being discipled by the grace of God, and He is still working on us.

* 1. John Newton once wrote:
     1. I am not what I might be.
     2. I am not what I ought to be.
     3. I am not what I wish to be.
     4. I am not what I hope to be.
     5. But thank God, I am not what I once was.
     6. By the grace of God, I am what I am.
  2. God is still working on us, and we are growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
     1. 2 Peter 3:18
  3. Sanctification is progressively learning to be more and more like the Lord Jesus.

1. What Grace sought (titus 2:14)
   1. Titus 2:14
      1. Grace sought service.
   2. We are purchased.
      1. Titus 2:14
         1. “He gave Himself for us” means that He purchased us with Himself.
            1. He bought us with Himself.

1 Peter 1:18-19

* + 1. Grace is love that gives:
       1. Where there is no merit.
          1. Where we don’t deserve to have anything given to us.
       2. Where there is much demerit.
          1. Grace is love that gives to wicked and vile people.
          2. Grace is love that gives to those who don’t want to give.
       3. To those who resist the gift.
          1. Grace has to chase us down.
          2. We love Him because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19

* + - * 1. Grace seeks to give to vile and wicked people that which they don’t deserve and can never deserve.
      1. At great cost to the giver.
         1. It is not just that He gave, but He gave Himself.

He gave Himself in agony and blood.

* 1. He purified us.
     1. Titus 2:14
        1. We are purchased, and we are purified.
     2. Grace does not mean that because God forgives our sins that we can live anyway we want.
        1. The grace that saves us begins to purify us from the inside.
        2. Works are important to a saved person, also.
           1. Titus 2:14

We are to be zealous of good works.

* + - * 1. What is the difference between the works that an unsaved person does to try to be saved and the works that a saved person does because he or she is saved?

The difference is a matter of the heart.

It is not so much in what we do, but why we do it.

Anybody who would let someone do more under the Law than they would do under grace is a disgrace to grace.

Romans 8:4

We don’t live by a lower standard now that we’re saved by grace.

We live by a higher standard.

We do so because we have the love of Jesus on the inside.

The Law says, “Don’t commit adultery.”

Grace doesn’t mean you can.

The Law says, “Don’t steal.”

Grace doesn’t mean you can.

* + 1. We cannot work our souls to save.
       1. That work our Lord has done.
  1. We are peculiar.
     1. Titus 2:14
        1. In this passage, the word “peculiar” means “special.”
     2. When a captain or general would go to war and win a great victory, he would often take part of the spoils of the battle.
        1. He would get a treasure for himself and bring it back to his home.
           1. It would be a trophy for himself.

That was his peculiar possession.

* + 1. The Bible says in the ages to come, we are going to be trophies of His grace.
       1. We are His peculiar possession.
       2. The captain of our salvation went to bloody Calvary, defeated Satan, paid the sin debt, and redeemed unto Himself a peculiar people.
          1. That is what grace sought.
          2. We are peculiar; we are different.
          3. Grace brought salvation, taught sanctification, and sought service.

We’re to serve the Lord.

Jesus did not bathe this world with His blood to have us serve the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Titus 2:14

1. what grace wrought (Titus 2:13-14)
   1. Titus 2:13
      1. Grace has wrought a blessed hope.
         1. We are looking for that blessed hope.
         2. It is not over yet.
   2. What has begun in grace in Titus 2:11 will end in glory (Titus 2:13).
      1. Grace always ends in glory.
   3. We are looking for Jesus to come again.
      1. This is what grace has wrought in us.
   4. If in this world only we have hope, then we are of all people most miserable.
   5. Thank God that those of us who are saved can look beyond the grave.
      1. We are looking for the Lord Jesus Christ.
         1. Titus 2:13
            1. The Bible calls it “the glorious appearing.”
         2. He is coming as the conqueror.
         3. Jesus came the first time to give Himself for us to redeem us.
            1. Titus 2:14
         4. He is coming the second time to reign and to rule over us.
         5. This is what grace has wrought, a blessed hope.
            1. Do you have that hope?
2. CONCLUSION
   1. What has grace brought?
      1. Salvation.
   2. What has grace taught?
      1. Sanctification.
   3. What has grace sought?
      1. Service.
      2. We are His peculiar people.
         1. Titus 2:14
   4. What has grace wrought?
      1. Glorification.
         1. One day, we are going to be like the Lord Jesus Christ.
         2. We will look upon His face.
         3. The one who opened to us the gates of grace will open to us the gates of glory.
            1. That is the grace of God.
   5. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   6. 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.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16