BEYOND AMAZING: Understanding the Grace of God

IN THE CLASSROOM WITH GRACE

Titus 2:11-15 Jeff Schreve

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you. Titus 2:11-15

Have you learned the key lessons from grace?

1. The grace of God saves us.

- A. Jesus came to <u>save undeserving sinners</u> by His grace. "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him." John 3:17
- B. Jesus died <u>for all</u> but only saves those <u>who respond in faith</u>. And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. Revelation 22:17

"He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18

2. The grace of God sanctifies us.

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

A. God saved us to live a life of holiness.

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." 1 Peter 1:13-16

B. God wants us to reflect His glory by our actions/reactions.

C. God is working on us to make us more and more like Jesus.

... for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:13

3. The grace of God sets our heart on fire for His return.

- A. The coming of the Lord is our <u>blessed hope</u>.
- B. The coming of the Lord gives us strength to press on.

 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

 1 John 3:2-3

What lesson from grace do you need to apply today?