



**“The Importance of
The Gospel”**

Titus 2:11-14
August 24, 2014

THE GREAT NEWS:

Accept The Gospel – From God’s Grace

- ✓ **What Jesus Did**
 - He Showed Up
 - He Sacrificed Himself
- ✓ **What Jesus Delivered**
 - Salvation – To ALL mankind
- ✓ **What Jesus Does**
 - He Purchased Us
 - He Purifies Us
 - He Possesses Us
 - He Perfects Us

The GREAT CALL:

Live Out the Gospel – By God’s Grace

- ✓ **We Should Let Go Of**
 - Ungodliness
 - Unholiness
- ✓ **We Should Live**
 - Reasonably
 - Righteously
 - Right Now – Godly

✓ **We Should Be Looking**

- For the Blessed Hope and Appearing of Jesus Again

Our Response

- ✓ Have you clearly understood the Gospel this morning or this week that you need to become a Christ Follower? It’s as simple as ABC! **Admit** you are a sinner (You Need God’s Grace), **Ask** Him to Forgive All your Sins; **Believe** that Jesus is God’s Son; **Confess** Him as Savior and **Commit** your life to Him as Lord for the rest of your life!! **Your next step is Baptism...** Have you made that public and followed through with Baptism? If not, you can do that today as well.
- ✓ Be willing to step over the line this morning and be obedient in what He is calling you to do. Maybe it is join this church family and honor Him by **not attending but joining** His family and being a part of bringing the good news to our community and to the ends of the earth!
- ✓ When we look at our great call – Take time and evaluate (asking the Holy Spirit to show you) how you are living out the Gospel? Are you relying on your strength or resting in the Grace of God? Are there things in your life that you need to let go of – any ungodly behaviors or activities, friendships in your life? What about worldliness – any areas of things that are tempting your right now and the call of the world is too loud and desires to great?
- ✓ Now take a look at How we should live: Are you living sensibly in your daily life? How so? Are you living righteously? Are you living a godly life right now, right where you are? In your school? In your home? In your hobbies? In your workplace?
- ✓ How can you this week focus your life on the fact and be looking for Jesus’ return – write one way down and do it this week every day to remind yourself.

INSIDE OUT

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August 24, 2014 AM Worship

Last Sunday we looked at **the way** we should live our lives especially in the church itself. These 4 verses connect the whole book, the first part written up till now, written to the church and how they were to act with each other, and their leadership, and how they were to live.

Now, Paul gives us the why we should live our lives this way, and tonight we will look at how we should live so that those around us can see Christ in us in how we live every day. This morning we look at the why – why do we live from the inside out – what is the motivating factor – it is simple this – The Gospel.

THE Great News – The Gospel – From God’s Grace

And we find that this gospel is great news – it is the greatest news of all time and it is delivered to us From God’s Grace – Incredible, amazing, overwhelming grace from a merciful, loving God!

The grace of God, which grace is not a word, but a person Jesus.

It tells us that God loves us for free, no matter how we measure up to standards just set before us, however we should be motivated by that incredible grace to live that life, pleasing to him which in turn shows us the world Christ. Grace - God's lavish favor on undeserving sinners

✓ **What Jesus Did**

▪ **He Showed Up – He Appeared**

German Theologian Erich Sauer wrote, “Of all times it is the turning point, of all love it is the highest point, of all worship it is the central point, of all salvation it is the starting point” [John 1:1-5](#)

At the proper time, Jesus came, a picture of the grace of God, a picture of God so we could understand grace.

▪ **He Sacrificed Himself - Gave Himself For Us – that’s you & me**

He didn’t just show up which is significant and amazing, but He goes the distance and does something that we cannot do for ourselves!

[John 15:13](#)

✓ **What Jesus Delivered (Brought)**

▪ **Salvation – to all men**

The single word salvation sums up the longing of God that is revealed in His redemptive work, because it represents deliverance, rescue and release from sin. This salvation is understood that we are now free from the penalty of sin, which is of course death, “for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23 I cannot save myself

Does not mean every man will be saved, but that salvation is offered to everyone, everywhere. No matter who they are where they live, how much money they make, God’s offer is for everyone. Christ is the one who draws us, and our responsibility is to simply receive the gift! I Timothy 2:3-6 *“This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of life and truth. For there is one God and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony borne at the proper time.”*

✓ **What Jesus Does In Each of Us**

▪ **He Purchases Us - He Redeemed Us from every lawless deed**

Before we met Christ we were in total bondage to sin.

We are no longer slaves to sin! Redeem referring to the releasing of someone held captive, such as a prisoner or a slave, on receipt of a ransom payment. We are no longer owned by the world, sin or Satan, we are Christ’s precious creation who has bought with his blood. He owns us lock, stock and barrel.

▪ **He Purifies Us for Himself – And purify Us**

We become the righteousness of God – we are pure, saints of God – how – His shed blood purifies our sin – though scarlet he makes it white as snow as we just sung a moment ago!

▪ **He Possesses Us - A People for His own Possession**

We are a people that are no longer enslaved to sin, but enslaved and possessed by Christ. We are his bondservant! We become his people – God’s adopted child! Son or daughter

▪ **He Perfects Us - He Made Us Zealous for Good Deeds**

As a result, we become zealous, excited, and enthusiastic about doing what is right. They are not something we do when it is convenient or when people are watching, but is a natural, integral part of our daily living.

The Great Call – Live Out the Gospel – By God’s Grace

How Do we Do That? He Gives Us Clear Instructions

When a person is genuinely saved, truly converted and given new life in Jesus Christ, there is a transformation not only of the nature of the person, but how that person lives.

ILLUS: Reprograms our computers, throws away old disks, deletes viruses, and puts in life, truth and purity.

We obviously will not be perfect on this earth, although that is the standard which we strive towards in working out our salvation. Nevertheless, a person who is divinely born again is no longer under the pervasive dominion of sin and of Satan

How that transformation takes place is the emphasis given her, is Christ’s power over sin, to break us free from it! Our goal as a child of God is the process of becoming less and less like our old and sinful self and more and more like our new and Christlike self.

There is a positive and negative Separating believers from sin and to righteousness.

✓ We Should Let Go Of:

▪ Ungodliness (Deny)

The idea of a conscious, purposeful action of the will. To turn your back on something. This verb here is found in the aorist tense, which means once and for all, the matter is settled. I have denied those things and will continue to do so.

It is an action, something we must do. It is not passive.

Hebrews 12:4 says, “You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin.”

It is all about God’s grace, but we have part to play. We must discipline ourselves. Against what? **Ungodliness** which refers to the lack of true reverence and devotion to God. A person whose life is characterized by ungodliness cannot truly be saved, no matter how vocal or accepted his profession of Christ may be.

- **Unholiness - Worldly Desires**

sins that, although we may not actually have committed, we nevertheless long to commit. These include all of the countless sinful lusts and cravings that characterize the natural man.

“Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world and the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life is not from the Father. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts, but the one who does the will of God abides forever.” I John 2:15-17

There is that pull because of the flesh that resides in us, we are to deny that desire and know that as we grow in certain areas, as we fight, that desire does subside some. We will always have to fight. It is active.

- ✓ **We Should Live**

- **Reasonably (Sensibly)**

having a sound mind, control over the issues in his or her life.

- **Righteously and**

faithfully obeying the Word of God, the divine standard of what is right, without reservation.

- **Right Now – Godly**

Means a close relationship with our Heavenly Father. It means right now to live this way. All three of these changes give distinct evidence of our spiritual rebirth. They are living and powerful testimony, within the church and before the world of the saving and transforming power of Jesus Christ. This is how people can see Jesus as real, as demonstrated through you and me as live this way in the right now

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Looking for carries the meaning of not only of longing and waiting but also of eager and certain expectation. Are you eagerly awaiting the return of Christ? It is our hope! That is what we live for!

Without this hope, we have nothing to live for! It is what keeps us going. It is our reward!

A summary of this passage also would tell us that we have been freed from the penalty of sin, the power of sin, from the possession of sin, and a truth that is implied here is obvious, once we are in the presence of Jesus, there will be no more sin. We won't be living in a nasty world where sin is rampant and Satan rules. To be in the presence of Jesus, that is eternal life. Which means if we are in the presence of Jesus, there is no sin! That is Heaven, Jesus which means no sin, because He is holy and perfect
I long for the day when I will no longer be breaking the heart of God with my sin, and also not have to fight that battle with sin and temptation.

Final Question We know what we get – we get the grace of God, salvation, a living relationship with our Savior but What does God get out of this deal? us His possessions [Ephesians 1:18](#), *“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints”*.

The Ultimate focus is not on what we can do for God, but upon what He has done for us and yet will do. It is all about His grace!

ILLUS: The Orphan Girl