

## Titus 2:11-15 | The proper motivation for service

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

<sup>15</sup> These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

### Look

Verse 11 “Has appeared to all men”—Of course, this means all people. This verse clearly points to the universality of God’s grace.

### Questions

1. Paul had instructed Titus on how to teach the various groups of people in the congregations at Crete (older men, older women, etc.). In verses 11-15, Paul brought them back to the gospel, which was the reason they should have served God. The gospel gave them the ability to serve him. In verse 11 Paul reminded the people of Crete that their lives had been filled with God’s grace. What did that grace “teach” them to do?

2. The word “teach” means more than just “instruct.” The grace of God does not tell us what God wants. God’s law does that. But the grace of God teaches us how to do these things. It alone motivates us to serve the Lord. How does it do this? (See, for example, Romans 6:4-6, which describes what happens when we come to know God’s grace.)

3. Vs 14 Are Christians always “eager” to do what is good? If not, why? And how can we overcome this?

4. Vs 15 Why do you think someone might despise Titus?

### Apply

5. Why is it wrong for a pastor to let his congregation despise him? How would this “despising” become evident in a pastor’s ministry? How does a pastor keep this from happening? (verse 15)