

What's Good about the Good News

Word

Scripture Reference

Titus 2:11-14

Discussion Questions

1. What makes your life worth living?
2. The Gospel message is not just about getting to enjoy heaven when you accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. There is more to it than simply accepting, believing, and confessing. You don't just proceed with your old life as usual. So what's good about the Good News? Read Titus 2:11-14. The grace that saves is the grace that works. The Good News involves all aspects of one's life, and it especially involves relationships. Your worth as a person is determined whether you have a relationship with God or not. What is the basis of your salvation and assurance of eternal life? How does your salvation affect the way you live your life right now?
3. Many people today are like those in Titus' time. They profess to believe in the grace that saves and that they have accepted Christ as their Savior (v. 11), but they deny Him by their works. Do you think we earn our salvation? What does Ephesians 2:8-9 tell us about how a person can be saved? How would you define grace? How does the Bible define it? Discuss why grace+works is not the Biblical formula in order to be saved.
4. God's grace is a gift we receive even if we don't deserve it. It is not just an idea or a religion. Grace appeared in the person of Jesus Christ (v. 13), the Son of God, equal with God the Father. He became man to die in our place so that we can have a relationship with God. If good works cannot save us, what is the importance of good works in a Christian's life (v. 14)? How does Ephesians 2:10 describe the moment we received Christ? Describe how your life manifests that "faith is the root of your salvation, and works are the fruit of your salvation."
5. We receive grace not only when we accept Christ as our Savior, but daily as we live for Him. Grace makes good works possible. How does grace train us to live for Jesus (v. 12)? Could we claim to be a Christian and yet live a life that is ungodly with worldly passions? Share the transformation in your life after you have professed to come to know Jesus Christ. Discuss how believers can live uprightly because of God's grace. How can the older generation be an example to younger ones? Does your work ethic (or how you handle responsibilities) manifest upright living, which is possible only through grace that works (Titus 2:1-9)? What are the areas of your life where you need self-control?
6. The grace of God should also impact the way we relate to one another as Christians. The grace that saves is the grace that works in our relationship with others. How do you relate with others in the church? How do you accept those people who come to our church whose lifestyle may be different from yours? Would others who know you attend our church knowing that you are there? Has your Christian testimony been a blessing to your loved ones and to others around you outside of the church? Why or why not?

Walk

As Christians saved by the grace of God, we should live godly lives in this present time. Our motivation should be the waiting for our blessed hope—the great appearing of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ (v. 13). Is it easy to live the Christian life? How should the motivation help you to live a life in grace that works? How should God's grace reflect in your relationship with Jesus, with yourself and with others?

Worship & Prayer

Father, thank You for Your grace that in the Person of Jesus Christ saved me from sin. Thank You for that gift that enables me to obey Your Word. Give me grace daily to be humble, to be kind, to do what is right, so that others may see what it's like to be under the grace that works. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.