December Sermon Series:
Living Under Grace
Lesson Three:
Grace and Godliness

God's grace is His unmerited favor.

Two Misconceptions of Grace: Merit System and Free Passes

Scripture Lesson:

Titus 2:11-15

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

Today's Big Idea: God's grace first saves and then trains His people for godliness and good deeds.

I. God's Grace Brings Salvation to All People (2:11).

John 1:17, For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

John 3:17, For God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

II. God's Grace Trains Us Who Are Saved in Godliness (2:12-14a).

Three Ways That Grace Trains Us:

A. Grace Trains Us to Deny Ungodliness and Worldly Desires (2:12a).

Romans 5:6-8, For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Denying Worldly Desires 1 John 2:16

B. Grace Trains Us to Live Sensibly, Righteously, and Godly in this Present Age (2:12b).

- 1. Grace Trains Us to Live Sensibly.
- 2. Grace Trains Us to Live Righteously.
- 3. Grace Trains Us to Live Godly.

Il Corinthians 11:3, But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

"Where grace reigns, grace trains."

"Good deeds should be done with intention, not for attention."

"In all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine..." Titus 2:7

I Peter 2:12, Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

"Let your good deeds be like rain, drop a little everywhere."