

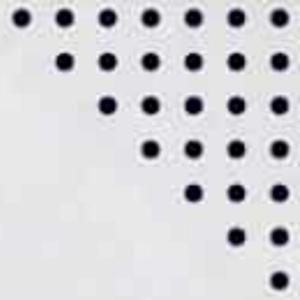
Life in the Word Series:

The Balance of Grace and Truth



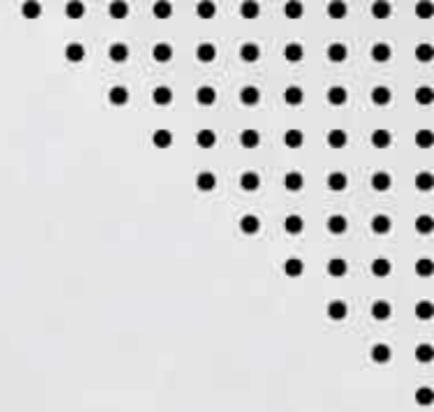
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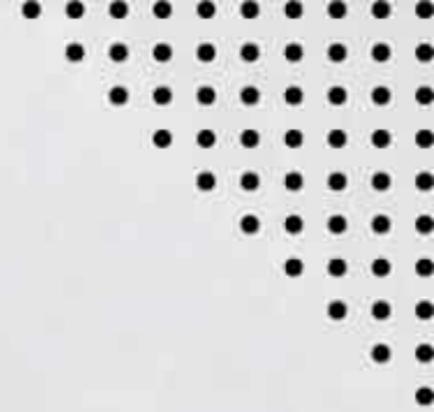


John 1:14, And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.





Scripture Lesson:
Titus 2:11-15



Titus 2:11-15, For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. It trains us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, as we wait for the happy fulfilment of our hope in the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He gave Himself for us to set us free from every kind of lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people who are truly His, who are eager to do good. So, communicate these things with the sort of exhortation or rebuke that carries full authority. Don't let anyone look down on you.





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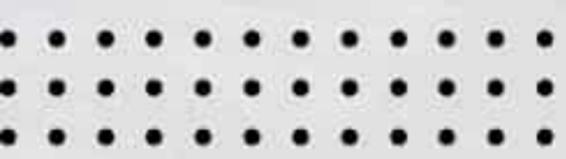


The grace that saves is the grace that trains.

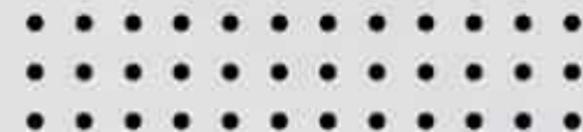


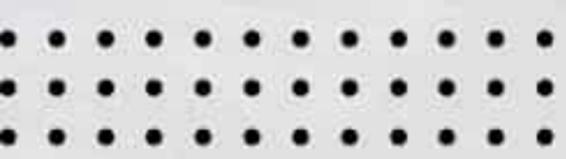
Two Misunderstandings of God's Grace:

- **License to Sin (Lawlessness)**
 - **Legalism (Works)**
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Two Observations about God's Grace:



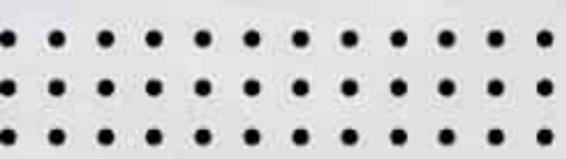


1. Grace Can Not Be Earned



Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one can boast.





2. Grace Changes Our Lives



**2 Corinthians 5:17, So then, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; what is old has passed away
—look, what is new has come!**



“Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”
Titus 1:12



Titus 1:10, 16, For there are many rebellious people, idle talkers, and deceivers, especially those with Jewish connections ... They profess to know God, but with their deeds they deny him, since they are detestable, disobedient, and unfit for any good deed.



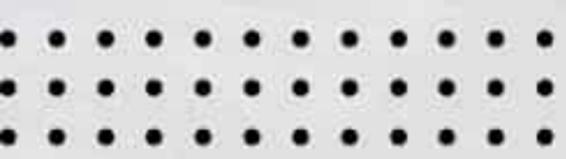
Titus 2:1, “But as for you, communicate the behaviour that goes with sound teaching.”





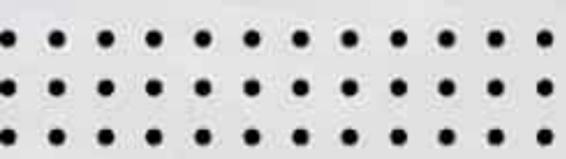
Two Marks of Grace:





1. A Mark of Grace is having a Growing Heart for Evangelism.



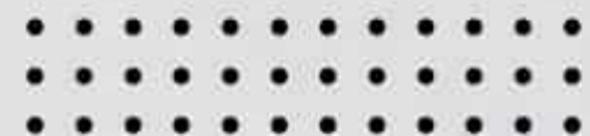


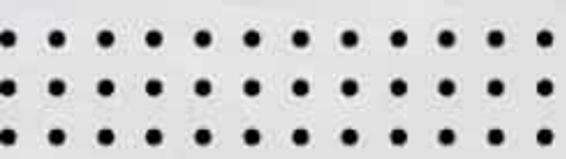
Titus 2:5,8,11

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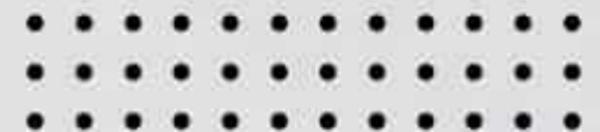
Verse 5, so that the message of God may not be discredited.

Verse 8, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Saviour attractive.



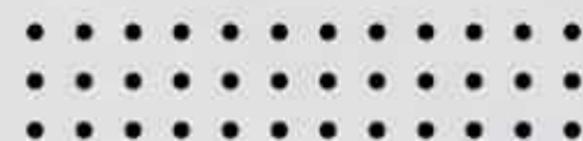


2. A Mark of Saving Grace is Growing in Holiness.





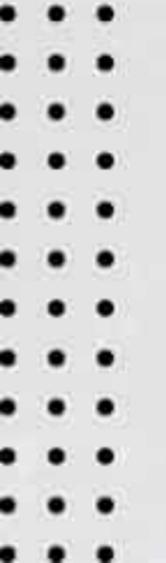
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God's Grace Trains us to be Holy in Two Ways:

- **Negatively - includes rejecting sin**
 - **Positively - includes becoming righteous**
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**Two Ways God's Grace
Trains Us to Reject Sin:**

**1. God's Grace Trains Us
to Reject Ungodliness.**

For although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or give Him thanks, but they became futile (vain, useless) in their thoughts, and their senseless hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:21-23, Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for an image resembling mortal human beings or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles.

**2. God's Grace Trains Us
to Reject Worldly Desires.**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that is in the world (the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the arrogance produced by material possessions)

Is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away with all its desires, but the person who does the will of God remains forever.



Worldly Desires Include Three Things:

- **The “Desire of our Flesh”**
 - **The Desires of the Eyes**
 - **The Pride of Life**
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1 John 3:9, No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.





**“Grace does not grant us permission
to live in the flesh; it supplies power
to live in the Spirit.”**



Follow-Up Chat Questions:

- What is meant by “Grace has a face?”
- Many have a misunderstanding of God’s saving grace. What are the two reasons mentioned in today’s lesson?
- Explain the behavior(s) of the believers in Crete.
- Why is it important to practice what we preach?
- Name and explain the two marks of grace.
- List ways we can reject sin.
- What resonated most in today’s lesson?