

Living Divine In '09

Titus 2:11–15

Reality Carp 12.28.08

Tips for tumultuous times

1. **Draw near to God (v. 35)**
2. **Do the will of God (V. 36)**
3. **Wait for the Son of God (v. 37)**

The goal for the Church since the Ascension is to be expectant (Acts 1:11)

- Maranatha (1 Cor. 16:22) Aramaic for “Oh Lord come soon”

This is a biblically correct attitude that we should have
Yet seems to be lost.....

- Cf. **2 Timothy 4:8** exhorts us to be among
... all who have **loved** His appearing

Living expectantly is key to our Christianity.....

The passage we will be studying today will give us a better idea at how looking for His coming should effect our daily lives.

- **Titus 2:13** says we are to be
looking for the **blessed hope and the appearing** of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus

It comes at a perfect time. It's the brink of a new year, a time were we are already used to reflecting and correcting our lives. I not a fan of new years resolutions but I am a big fan of biblical reflection.....

Before we look at verse 13 we will back up to verse 11

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
God's grace His unmerited favor towards the wicked and unworthy sinner....
He delivers us from condemnation and death....

I like what John Mac commentary on this passage.

The Grace of God is more than a divine attribute it is a divine Person, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ not only was God incarnate but was grace incarnate. He Himself personifies and expresses the grace of God the sovereign eternal and unmerited divine gift of Him who appeared bringing salvation to all man.

In doing so

2. (12-13)

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,

- a. **Teaching us that:** The Greek word for **teaching** has in mind what a parent does for a child.

It speaks of the entire training process: teaching, encouragement, correction, and discipline.

And it makes ethical demands of Christians

- b. **Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts:** Grace puts **ungodliness** and **worldly lusts** in our past. Rom 6

we have been called out of ungodliness....

Ungodliness...lack of respect, a lack of reverence towards God

No fear of God

apathy

Not heeding carefully the voice of the Spirit to move forward or to wait

We are called to deny it and.....

Worldly lust-

Galatians 5:19-21...the works of the flesh are evident

Casual/Abusive Drinking

Pornography

Adultery/Sexual Immorality

Vanity

Unfortunately ungodliness and worldly lust are to prevalent in the church today

Refer to the book un Christian.....

It's so sad but true

I think large part of the problem is

Christians setting standards with each other rather than the Word of God.....

Here in the passage it teaches us to renounce those ungodliness and worldly lust.

Deny or Renounce : to give up a claim title position or right. To give up a habit pursuit or practice.

We must remember as Christians we have no rights.

Me time...my this or that my space my face me me me the I me mine what.

1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which you have from God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

v.12 **We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age:**

That is how we effect our society and community.

Its Our three dimensional instruction..

First we must **live soberly** (self-controlled) in regard to ourselves. The change within us

Second we must live **righteously** in regard to the people around us.

Third we must live **godly** in regard to our God.

His our king..... we can no longer ignore Him blaspheme Him or use His name in vain but instead honor Him in fear Him adore Him and praise Him.

That is how we effect this present age.....God has called us

Looking for the blessed hope:

That **hope** is not heaven or glory, but Jesus Himself, face to face in His return.

Looking for indicates that Christians should live in active expectation of the return of Jesus.

1 John 3:2-3 read

Luke 12:42-48 read

Looking for the blessed Hope KEEPS us heavenly minded or Kingdom minded.

It should be precious for Christians to consider:

Because

3. (14).

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.

Who gave Himself for us....

That He might redeem us: Redemption means “to be bought out of slavery by the paying of a ransom.”

We are bought out of the slavery to sin, and purchased *for* His service. To be.....

His own special people: “The word we have translated *special* (*periousios*) is interesting.

It means *reserved for*; and it was specially used for that part of the spoils of a battle or a campaign which the king who had conquered set apart especially for himself.”

He set us apart for good works Phil 2:12-18

We are not saved from good works but we saved for good works....

Zealous for good works: We are redeemed purchased to live with zeal.

zeal-ous actively and unreservedly enthusiastic

This is zeal for Him and zeal for His righteousness

So today we have the opportunity to take stock of our lives...
Spend some time asking the Lord what has us Looking away

What ungodly things have crept in to our lives

What worldly lust have us drifting away.

Let's not be a barna statistic of hypocrisy

Perception Christians say one thing but live something entirely different

New perception : Christians are transparent about their flaws and act first talk second.

Chapter 3 gives us great Hope so before we take time to repent lets look.....