

## THE BLESSED HOPE

*Text:* Titus 2:13

<sup>11</sup> *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,* <sup>12</sup> *Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;* <sup>13</sup> *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;* <sup>14</sup> *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

<sup>15</sup> *These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.*

### Introduction

- The popularity of the phrase and the popular idea of the phrase.
- One of the reasons given by the apostle Paul to encourage us to adorn the doctrine of Christ.

#### 1. What is the Blessed Hope?

- a. Not merely a wish.
- b. It is the substance of things expected which is not yet given (Heb 11:1; Rom 8:24).
- c. A reference to the Second Coming of Christ, and all the benefits associated with it (cf. 1 Tim 1:1p; 1 Cor 15:19).

#### 2. Who has this Hope?

- a. Not for everyone. The words “all men” (v. 11) is “all men *without distinction*” rather than “all men *without exception*.”
- b. No even for everyone who is expecting Christ to return.
- c. But for those who have experienced grace!

**3. Why is this Hope Blessed?**

- a. Our Lord and Saviour whom we love will return.
- b. Our Lord will be very highly exalted.
- c. We will be perfected and lavished with the “the riches of the glory of his inheritance” (Eph 1:18).
- d. Christ will reward us and bring us into glory with Him (Mt 25:21).
- e. All injustices will be righted, and all righteousness will be vindicated.

**4. How should this Hope Affect us?**

- a. We will seek to live soberly.
- b. We will want to live righteously.
- c. We will seek to live godly (1 Cor 10:31).
- d. We will purify ourselves (v. 14; 1 Jn 3:3).
- e. We will seek to do good works (cf. Rev 22:12).

**Conclusion**