

***“Live As Saints”***  
***Titus 2:11-14***

**Introduction:**

1. Let's Turn In Our Bibles Tonight:
  - To Titus 2:
    - As We Finish Looking At:
      - The Progress Of Victory:
        - We Can Have As Christians:
          - Over The Spiritual Enemy We Have In This Fallen World!
2. So Far - We've Looked At:
  - Four Things That We Need To Remember:
    - In Order To Resist:
      - The World - And The Temptation:
        - To Worldliness!
    - The First Thing We Need To Remember:
      - Is That We Have Been:
        - Sent Into This World:
          - By The Lord Jesus!
      - And - We Saw This In:
        - Jesus' Prayer To His Father:
          - In John 17:18 - "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world!"
    - The Second Thing We Need To Remember:
      - Is That We Need To Pursue Biblical:
        - Separation From This World!
      - And - The Best Way To Do This:
        - Is By Keeping The Cross Of Christ:
          - Before Us - As Our Number One:
            - Glory And Pride!
      - And The Apostle Paul:
        - Was A Good Example Of This:
          - When He Said - In Galatians 6:14 - "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world!"
    - The Third Thing We Need To Remember:
      - Is That We Are:
        - Strangers & Pilgrims:
          - In This World!
      - Or - As Abraham Described Himself:
        - Back In Genesis:
          - As Strangers & Sojourners:
            - In This World!
    - The Fourth Thing We Need To Remember:
      - Is That We Are Meant To Be:
        - "Spectacles Unto The World!"
          - Which Is How The Apostle Paul Described Himself & The Other Apostles:
            - In 1 Corinthians 4:9!
      - Where He Said:
        - "We Are Made A Spectacle Unto The World, And To Angels, And To Men!"
          - Which Means That We Have Been Left In This World To Be:
            - A Different Kind Of "Theater!"
      - And - We Can Do So:
        - By Showing To The World:
          - Both The Love Of Christ & The Labor Of Christ!
3. This Leads Us Tonight:
  - To The Fifth Thing:
    - That We Need To Remember:

- In Order To Resist:
    - The Fallen-World System:
      - That Wants To Keep Us From Following The Lord:
        - In Faithfulness & With Fervency!
  - And That Is:
    - To Live As Saints!
      - Which Simply Means:
        - To Live Lives Of Holiness:
          - By The Grace & Through The Strength Of The Lord!
4. And We Find This Principle:
- In Titus 2:11-14:
    - Where - The Apostle Paul Tells Us:
      - “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, / Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; / Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; / Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works!”
    - Now - When Paul Says In 2:11 - That:
      - “The Grace Of God . . . Hath Appeared To All Men!”
        - He’s Not Saying Here That:
          - The Gospel Had Already Been Spread:
            - To Everyone In All Of The World!
        - What He Means Is That:
          - “The Grace Of God That Bringeth Salvation Hath Appeared To All *Kinds* Of Men!”
            - Which Is Seen In All The Kinds Of People He Addresses:
              - In The Beginning Verses Of This Chapter!
5. If You Look Back At:
- 2:1 - Paul Tells Titus:
    - To “Speak Thou The Things Which Become Sound Doctrine!”
      - Which Means That:
        - Titus - As A Pastor - Had The Responsibility To Teach:
          - Those Things Which Would Affect The Lives Of His Church:
            - From The Inside Out!
    - And So - Starting In 2:2 - And:
      - Going Through 2:10 - Paul Offers:
        - Some Very Practical Teaching:
          - About How The Gospel:
            - Is To Affect “All Kinds” Of People Within The Church!
    - So - In 2:2 - Paul Tells Titus:
      - To Address The “Aged Men!”
        - And - In 2:3 - He Is To Address:
          - “The Aged Women Likewise!”
            - Who In Turn Will:
              - 2:4 - “Teach The Young Women!”
      - And Then - In 2:6 - Titus Is To:
        - Teach The “Young Men Likewise!”
          - With Titus Himself - In 2:7:
            - “In All Things Shewing Himself A Pattern Of Good Works!”
        - And Then - In 2:9 - Titus Is Also To Address:
          - The “Servants” & “Slaves” Who:
            - Had Been Saved & Were Part Of:
              - The Church!
        - And So - To All Of These Church Members:
          - Men & Women!
          - Old & Young!
          - Leaders & Laity!
          - Masters & Servants!
          - All Were Told - In Ways That:

- Were Particular & Practical For Their Situation In Life:
  - To - 2:10 - “Adorn The Doctrine Of God Our Savior In All Things!”
- And - This Is What We:
  - Are All Supposed To Be Doing:
    - As Christians & As A Church!
    - We Are All To:
      - “Adorn The Doctrine Of God Our Savior In All Things!”
  - That Is - We Need To:
    - Take The Principles Given To Us:
      - Through God’s Word & The Gospel:
      - And Apply Them:
        - To Our Practice In Everyday Life!
- 6. But - Why Are We To:
  - “Adorn” Ourselves In This Way?
    - To Put On The “Doctrine Of God” - As:
      - You Would Put On:
        - Clothes - To Get Ready For The Day?
        - Because Of What We Read In 2:11!
    - Because - Or:
      - “For – The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men!”
        - Even - To All Kinds Of People!
        - Even To You & To Me!
    - So - The “Doctrine Of God” - Which Is The Gospel:
      - Of God’s Saving Grace:
        - Is To Be Adorned:
          - By Us All - And:
            - In Us All - Because:
            - It Has Been Manifested & Shown:
              - To Us All!
  - 7. And Now - We Can Live As Saints:
    - In & Before This World!
      - And So - To “Adorn” The Gospel:
        - And Live Holy Lives:
          - We Need To Do Three Main Things!
      - We Need To:
        - Leave The Dangers:
          - Of This World Behind!
      - We Need To:
        - Live In A Way That Is Different:
          - Than This World! And:
      - We Need To:
        - Look Forward To Our Deliverance:
          - From This World!
    - 8. So - As Saints:
      - We Need To Leave & Live & Look:
        - In A Way That Glorifies The Lord!
          - And So - From 2:12a:
            - We See That We First Need To:
      - 1. **Leave The Dangers:**
        - Of This Fallen World Behind!
          - Because - “The Grace Of God” Teaches Us:
            - That We Need To:
              - “Deny Ungodliness & Worldly Lusts!”
                - Which Are Dangerous:
                  - To Our Souls!
          - “Ungodliness” Here Refers To:
            - The Attention Of The World:

- That Is Not Directed Toward God!
- It Refers To Things That Are:
  - Irreverent Toward God:
    - Which Is The Default Condition:
      - Of The World & Worldliness!
  - “Ungodliness” Includes:
    - Anything That Does Not Promote:
      - The Glory & Worship Of God!
- And - In Order To:
  - Live As Saints:
    - We Need To Deny All Forms:
      - Of Ungodliness!
  - Because It Takes Our Attention & Sights:
    - Off Of The Lord - And:
      - Onto The World!
- What Is There:
  - In This World:
    - That Is Taking Your Attention:
      - Off Of The Lord?
        - That Is What You Need To Deny - In Order To Grow In Holiness As A Saint!
- “Worldly Lusts” Refer To:
  - The Affections Of The World:
    - That Are Not Directed Toward God!
  - They Refer To Those Things:
    - That The World “Adorns” Itself With!
      - Even Those Lusts & Longings:
        - Which Keep Our Hearts:
          - Bound To Earthly Things - Rather Than:
            - Heavenly Things!
  - And - In Order To:
    - Live As Saints:
      - We Need To Deny All:
        - “Worldly Lusts!”
    - Because It Takes Our Affection & Heart:
      - Off Of The Lord - And:
        - Onto The World!
- So - Whatever Draws Your:
  - Attention Or Affection:
    - Away From The Lord:
      - You Need To Strive To:
        - Leave & Avoid!
          - To “Deny!”
  - We Need To Realize That:
    - There Are Still Things In This World:
      - That Are Ungodly & Worldly:
        - That We Must Not Embrace!
        - That We Must Not Participate In!
  - Is There Something Today:
    - That The World Is Using:
      - To Get In The Way Of:
        - The Place Of God:
          - In Your Life? Or:
      - To Get In The Way Of:
        - The Pursuit Of God:
          - In Your Life?
    - **IE:** Even Things Like Music Or Sports Or Social Media! These Can Be Dangerous To Your Soul!

- And - To Live As A Saint In This World:
  - You Need To Resist These Dangers - And:
    - To Leave Them Behind!
- So To Live As A Saint:
  - You Need To Leave The Dangers:
    - Of Ungodliness & Worldly Lusts:
      - Behind!
- But Then - Second:
  - You Also Need To:

## 2. **Live Differently:**

- Than Everyone Else Does:
  - In This Fallen World!
    - Because - Also From 2:12:
      - The Gospel Teaches Us That We Need To:
        - “Live Soberly, Righteously, And Godly In This Present World!”
  - These Three Virtues:
    - Are Things That We Can & Should Embrace:
      - As Followers Of Christ!
        - Because To Do So:
          - Is What Real Living Looks Like!
    - Not Just Christian Living - But:
      - True Living & Life!
        - **IE:** Which Is The Opposite Of The Kind Of Life People Want To Live! Fairy Tale Living!
  - A Few Weeks Ago - I Heard About An Article In The Wall Street Journal - About A Housing Development Called “Golden Oak” - It Is A Project That Is “The Only Residential Community In The World Located On Walt Disney Company Resort Property!” - And - Those Who Live There - Think That The Disney Life Is The Only Life For Them! The Article Tells About A Resident Who Bought A House At Golden Oak For \$2.52 Million - So That She Can Spend Her Days “Riding Roller Coasters, Attending Nature Conservation Programs At Disney’s Animal Kingdom Theme Park, And Traveling To Destinations Such As Antarctica On Disney Cruises!” She Also Described How Her House “Is Filled With Disney Memorabilia Including A Figure Of The Witch From Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs.” And - At Age 63 - She Says That “She Has Found The Best Life Imaginable!”
    - And Yet - The Disney Life:
      - Is Not A Life Of:
        - Sober, Righteous, And Godly Living!
        - It Is Not Real Living At All!
    - And Yet - Even Though:
      - We Might Not Go To The Same Extremes As:
        - The Resident Mentioned In The Article:
          - Don’t We Sometimes Still Think That Fairy Tale Living Is The Way To Really Live?
            - The Way The World Describes Living?
    - But - When You Live Differently:
      - As A Saint In This World:
        - That Is Real, True Living!
          - Because The Source Of That Life Is The God Of Life Himself!
          - And So:
  - To Live Differently Is:
    - To Live Soberly!
      - Which Means That You Are:
        - Attentive To Living Your Life:
          - In The Light Of God & His Word!
    - **IE:** Though For Many Years - It Was A Fad To Wear Things That Had The Letters: WWJD - Which Stood For - “What Would Jesus Do?” - It Actually Came From A Book Written By Charles Sheldon Back In 1896 - Titled - “In His Steps!”
      - Where A Group Of Christians Got Serious About Asking That Question Before They Made Any

- Decision Or Pursuing Any Activity!
  - “What Would Jesus Do?”
    - This Is What It Means To:
      - Live In A Sober Way!
- And - When You Chose To:
  - Live In This Way:
    - Soberly / Discretely / Temperately / Spirit-Enabled Self Control!
    - That Is Different Than The Way The World Lives!
    - And The World Will Take Notice! Also:
- To Live Differently Is:
  - To Live Righteously!
    - Which Means That You Are:
      - Abiding By & Adhering To:
        - God’s Standards Of Righteousness & Justice:
          - Not Man’s!
  - And - God’s Standards:
    - That We Find Summarized In:
      - The 10 Commandments:
        - Are Always Based On:
          - God’s Character!
  - And - When You Chose To:
    - Live In This Way:
      - Righteously / Properly / In An Upright Way - According To God’s Definition Of Things!
        - This Is Different Than The Way The World Lives!
        - And The World Will Continue To Take Notice!
  - We Need To Get Back To:
    - Taking The Commandments Of God:
      - Seriously! Because:
        - Even As Jesus Said In John 14:15 - “If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments!” But Also:
- To Live Differently Is:
  - To Live Godly!
    - Which Means That You Are:
      - Absorbed By:
        - God Himself!
    - With A Desire:
      - To Be Fully Devoted To Him:
        - No Matter What!
  - Though Living Righteously & Living Godly:
    - Are Similar - Living Godly:
      - Goes Further Than:
        - Living Righteously!
    - Because - Its Possible For You:
      - To Do The Right Things:
        - But For The Wrong Reasons!
  - But - When You Pursue After:
    - Both Righteousness & Godliness:
      - Your Duties Will Flow Out Of:
        - Your Devotion:
          - To The Lord!
    - So That - You Will Strive To:
      - Do All Things:
        - For The Praise & Glory:
          - Of God!
  - And - When You Chose To Live In This Way:
    - Godly / Piously / Devotedly / With Dedication To The Lord In All Things!
      - This Is Far Different Than The Way The World Lives!

- And The World Will Take Notice Once Again!
- And - From 2:12 - We Are To Live Differently:
  - “In This Present World!”
    - Even In This Fallen World:
      - And All The Pressures & Temptations:
        - It Has To Get Us Off Track!
  - And - When You Start To Struggle:
    - To Live This Way:
      - Remember That It Is Still:
        - “The Grace Of God” (2:11) That Teaches Us To Live Differently!
    - And So - When You Struggle:
      - Look To Jesus & His Grace That Is Found In The Gospel!
        - Because It Will Be The Fuel For Your Faithfulness!
  - So - To Live As A Saint:
    - You Need To Leave The Dangers:
      - Of Ungodliness & Worldly Lusts:
        - Behind!
  - Also - To Live As A Saint:
    - You Need To Live Differently:
      - Than Everyone Else:
        - In This World!
  - And Then - Third:
    - You Also Need To:

### 3. ***Look For Deliverance:***

- From This World - By Looking To:
  - Your Deliverer Himself!
    - As Paul Tells Us In:
      - 2:13 - “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ!”
  - So - Part Of “Adorning” The Doctrine Of God:
    - Involves Anticipating:
      - The Second Coming Of Jesus Christ!
        - Who Will Make Every Effort Made For Him:
          - Worth It All - “When We See Jesus!”
  - So - To Live As A Saint:
    - We Need To Live In Anticipation:
      - Of The Goodness That Will Come:
        - When Jesus Returns!
      - Even The “Blessed Hope!”
        - Or - The Hope That:
          - Brings True Happiness!
    - **IE:** People Live Their Lives With All Kinds Of Different Anticipation! The Next Best Thing! Some - Vacation! Others - Positions! Certainly, Not All Of These Things Are Wrong To Anticipate! But - There Is One Thing That Is Better Than Everything Else! The Hope & Expectation Of Jesus!
      - And - This Hope - Will Lead To:
        - Holiness!
      - But We Can Also See From This Verse That:
  - To Live As A Saint:
    - We Need To Live In Anticipation:
      - Of The Glory That Will Come:
        - When Jesus Returns!
      - Even The “Glorious Appearing!”
        - Of “The Great God And Our Savior Jesus Christ!” - Or - As It Can Also Be Translated:
          - “The Great God - Who Is Even - Our Savior Jesus Christ!”
  - And Now - Since:
    - The Grace Of God:
      - Has Appeared To Us Already!

- And - The Glory Of God:
  - Will Appear To Us Some Day!
- Then - As The Apostle Peter Asks Us:
  - In 2 Peter 3:11:
    - “What Manner Of Persons Ought We To Be In All Holy Conversation And Godliness?”

**Conclusion:**

1. So - When You Look For:
  - Deliverance From This World:
    - Through The Coming Of The Lord:
  - Why Live In Despair?
    - Like The World Does:
      - Since All The Promises Of Jesus:
        - Will One Day Be Fulfilled?
  - Why Live In Darkness?
    - Like The World Does:
      - Since The Presence Of Jesus:
        - Will One Day Be Experienced?
  - And - Why Live In Disobedience:
    - Like The World Does:
      - Since The Person Of Jesus:
        - Will One Day Appear:
          - For You & For All To See?
2. And So - To Resist The World - And:
  - The Worldliness That:
    - Is Still Such A Danger To Us:
      - We Need To Strive To Live:
        - As The Saints Of God:
          - That We Are!
  - To Live As A Saint:
    - You Need To Leave The Dangers:
      - Of Ungodliness & Worldly Lusts:
        - Behind!
  - To Live As A Saint:
    - You Need To Live Differently:
      - Than The World!
        - Soberly & Righteously & Godly!
  - To Live As A Saint:
    - You Need To Look For Deliverance:
      - From This World:
        - Through The “Glorious Appearing” Of Jesus Himself!
3. After All - Isn't This:
  - What Jesus Saved Us For?
    - 2:14 - “Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works!”
      - Let Us Live As:
        - Saints In This World!

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