

The key word in Titus 2:10 is to “**ADORN**” the doctrine of God our Savior.

NIV: to make attractive

ESV/NASB/KJV: to adorn

- From the Greek word *kosmeo* meaning to adorn, to make ready, to prepare.
- One greek commentator said that the word speaks of: Adornment; the fundamental idea of “putting something in order/preparation/making ready/attractive”
- Even Josephus, in the 1st c. used this word referring to a BRIDE fully and beautifully adorned for her husband. It’s a beauty that is unmarred, unspotted, truly pure.
- Another Greek dictionary writes: “the word *kosmeo* means: to cause something to have an attractive appearance through decoration/beautification -- to adorn, to decorate, make attractive.

“It is adorned when the gospel is made beautiful and lovely before men” (Thomas Taylor).

Specifically, in context, this is the duty of the “bondslave” (=slave, bond-servant) to adorn the doctrine...

Looking at the breadth of Scripture, what are ways we can “adorn” the gospel with our Christian lives?

1. Worship Regularly (Ps 136)
2. Assemble Intentionally (Heb 10)
3. Flee Iniquity (1 Thess 5)
4. Disciple Thoughtfully (2 Tim 2.2)
5. Behave Humbly (1 Peter 5)
6. Suffer Joyfully (Heb 10)
7. Work Faithfully (1 Thess 4)
8. Pray Frequently (Eph 6)
9. Speak Winsomely (Col 4)
10. Live Heavenly (Phil 3.20)

God adorned you with gospel glory; so now you have the privilege to adorn Him, His gospel & His doctrine with the same.

THESIS — This is unashamedly a very practical message. We want to zoom in on the word “**ADORN**” & spell out the implications of “adorning the doctrine of God our Savior.”

Your duty is to adorn the gospel by your life. (John Flavel)

Practical ways you adorn the Truth — **9 important components:**

I. AFFIRMING ABOVE REPROACH, MALE, QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP (1:5-9)

II. SILENCING FALSE TEACHERS WHO CREEP IN (1:10-16)

III. DISCIPLESHIP RELATIONSHIPS IN THE CHURCH (2:1-10)

IV. UPHOLDING THE PURE GOSPEL OF CHRIST’S SUBSTITUTION (2:11-14)

- What is this “doctrine of God our Savior?” (v.10b)?
 1. The initiative of God’s grace
 2. The transformation of God’s gospel
 3. The anticipation of Christ’s return
 4. The substitution of God’s Son - *FOR US!*
 5. The redemption of God’s elect - *REDEEMED US!*

V. HUNGERING FOR THE FAITHFUL, AUTHORITATIVE, EXPOSITORY PREACHING OF THE WORD (2:1, 15)

VI. GLORIFYING IN THE POWER OF SOVEREIGN REGENERATION (3:1-8)

VII.AVOIDING WORLDLY & FOOLISH CHATTER THAT DISTRACTS (3:9)**VIII.DISCIPLINING THOSE WHO DIVIDE CHRIST’S PURE CHURCH (3:10-11)****IX.ZEALOUSLY ENGAGING IN GOOD DEEDS TOWARD BELIEVERS (3:12-14)**

Charles Naylor wrote:

Are you adorning the doctrine—
The glorious doctrine of God?
Walking so holy before Him,
Following where He hath trod?
So when the world looks upon you,
Nothing but Christ is in view?
So when the world looks upon you,
Nothing but Christ is in view?

To adorn the doctrine means that believers may recommend the gospel and Christ’s holy religion to the good opinion of those that are without, by their meek, humble, obedient, and faithful conduct in all things (Matthew Henry).

In his sermon on Titus 2:10, Charles Spurgeon **asked this question:** What can we do to adorn the gospel of God our Savior?

Spurgeon answered: Adorn it with a holy life! How pure, how clean, how sweet, how heavenly the gospel is! Hang, then, the jewels of holiness about its neck and place them as rings on its hands. The gospel is also to be adorned with mercifulness. It is all mercy, it is all love, and there is no love like it: “God so loved the world.” Well, then, adorn the gospel with the suitable jewels of merciful-ness and kindness! Be full of lovingkindness to others, for you have tasted of the lovingkindness of the Lord!

Spurgeon continued by instructing his congregation to adorn the gospel by their...

1. holiness
2. mercifulness
3. integrity
4. unselfishness
5. quick forgiveness
6. patience under trouble
7. calmness & trust

JESUS THANK YOU

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
 The agonies of Calvary
 You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
 Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
 Your enemy You've made Your friend
 Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
 Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank You

The Father's wrath completely satisfied

Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table

Jesus, thank You

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You!

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9 ways that we can adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect in our Christian lives [from Titus]:

1. Affirming Above Reproach, Male, Qualified Leadership (1:5-9)
2. Silencing False Teachers Who Creep In (1:10-16)
3. Discipleship Relationships in the Church (2:1-10)
4. Upholding the Pure Gospel of Christ's Substitution (2:11-14)
5. Hungering for the Faithful, Authoritative, Expository Preaching of the Word (2:1, 15)
6. Glorifying in the Power of Sovereign Regeneration (3:1-8)
7. Avoiding worldly & foolish chatter that distracts (3:9)
8. Disciplining those who divide Christ's pure Church (3:10-11)
9. Zealously engaging in good deeds toward believers (3:12-14)