

ONE STORY | ONE SAVIOR - UNIT 7 | LESSON 20b




Letters – The Promise Explained Through the KING’S Church

God is a PROMISE Completing God

JESUS as the 1) **PROMISED KING** has 2) **RESCUED** His people through His Perfect Law Keeping Life and Sacrificial, Substitutionary Death on the Cross, whereby 3) **DEFEATING** the enemy of sin and death, and is 4) **RESTORING** them to the PLACE OF REST where Heaven and Earth are rejoined and God reigns and abides 5) so that His people shall be with Him forever for their **JOY**.

“The Grace of God Has Appeared” Titus 2:11-15

¹¹For **the grace of God has appeared**, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. ¹⁵Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

	THE HEAD - To Know the gospel. Jesus IS the gospel. Q – How does the gospel differ from the world in which it exists?
	THE HEART - To Choose to live each day for Jesus. Q – What does choosing to live each day for Jesus look like?
	THE HAND - To Pray you will prize Jesus above all else and look for His soon return. Q – What are the kinds of things you can do throughout your day to keep Jesus first?

EMPHASIS

The EMPHASIS of this lesson is . . .

- The Gospel changes our lives. The Gospel intrinsically transforms its recipients. The JESUS SEED causes His people to leave sin, live righteously, and look for His soon return.
- The call to leave ungodliness is built in the gospel. He redeems us **from bad work**.
- The call to live godly is built in the gospel. He purifies us **for good work**.

LITERARY CONTEXT

This passage openly identifies the intrinsic consequence of the JESUS SEED. If you do this, then this is/these are the consequences. Let us explore this text and see why the work of God is so transforming and radical.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Paul left Titus on the island of Crete to set things in order within the local church.

STRUCTURE

- I. Grace teaches us to LEAVE ([renounce] v. 12a)
 - A. Denying ungodliness
 - B. Denying worldly passions / lusts

The Christian is always fighting against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Ephesians 2:1-3 speaks of how we once were following the world, the flesh, and the devil. We were their disciple. Jesus changes us so that we are His disciples.

- II. Grace teaches us to LIVE (v. 12b)
 - A. We should live soberly [self-controlled] in the present age
 - B. We should live righteously in the present age
 - C. We should live godly in the present age

James 3:13 says our good conduct takes us in a direction that is opposite of the direction taken by the world, the flesh, and the devil.

- III. Grace teaches us to LOOK (vv. 13, 14)
 - A. Looking for the blessed hope
 - B. Looking for the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ
 - He gave Himself - Voluntary - He did not have to do what He did.
 - For us – Substitutionary - He did for us what we could never do for ourselves.
 - To redeem / to purify – Efficacious - He accomplished what He set out to do.

What Jesus did at the cross will have its fullest and completed action at His soon return. Every believer should live in light of His soon return.

JESUS IN THE TEXT

The grace of God causes the people of God to live a life that shows the glory of God and so fulfilling the Vision of God.

Only the Jesus Seed can produce the gospel fruit stated in this paragraph.

As the grace of God works in and through the people of God, the blessing of God reaches to all the nations.

APPLICATION

1. The call to leave ungodliness is built in the gospel. He redeems us *from bad work*.
2. The call to live godly is built in the gospel. He purifies us *for good work*.
3. Who He is and what He does radically transforms His people. It sets them apart from the unbelieving.
4. The believing can rest. You no longer have to strive to be different because you ARE DIFFERENT. Jesus makes you different.
5. The only hope you have in this life and in the life to come is found in Jesus.
6. If you are a Christian, then you are different than the world around you. How are you different?
7. The only hope you have in this life and in the life to come is found in Jesus.

VISUALS | CRAFTS

1. A caterpillar turning into a butterfly. Have pictures. The gospel changes us from caterpillars to butterflies.
2. Any fruit with a seed [i.e. avocado; peach; etc.] take the avocado and cut it open. The seed causes the fruit and keeps producing more fruit. The JESUS SEED causes GOSPEL FRUIT.

MEMORY VERSE

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

RESOURCES