

## Living Soberly, Righteously & Godly In This Present World

Titus 2:11-14

### Living Soberly, Righteously, & Godly (Titus 2:11-14)

- General Context
  - Speak things that are sound doctrine. (verse 1)
  - Older men & women to be “*Sober,*” *Sound in faith.*” (verse 2).
  - Younger men & women to be taught “*Sound doctrine.*” (verses 4-6)
  - Titus to be a “*Pattern of good works.*” (verses 7-8)
  - Men & women of all ages to live in accord with “*Sound doctrine.*” (cf. verse 10)

### Grace “Teaches” Titus 2:11

- Educates, instructs, trains – cf. 1 Timothy 2:4 “who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.”
- To expel from our lives “ungodliness” and “worldly lusts.”
- To live displaying changed relationships:
  - To self. (Self-mastery)
  - To neighbors. (Fairness)
  - To God. (Devotion)

### Grace “Teaches”

- What God has provided.
  - Sacrifice. John 3:16; Hebrews 2:9; Romans 3:23-26
- How man is saved “by grace.” Romans 3:24; cf. Ephesians 2:8-9
  - “Though faith.” cf. Romans 10:17
  - Grace that saves comes through faith – by the word of God. Acts 20:32, 24; Romans 5:1-2

### Grace “Teaches”

- Grace that saves – through faith, works.
  - James 2:24-26; cf. Acts 10:34-35
- The lawless immoral life is contrary to:
  - The grace of God. cf. 1 Timothy 1:8-11
  - The word of His grace. Acts 20:32

### We are taught to “deny”...

- cf. Acts 3:13-15 – To “abrogate, forsake, or renounce a thing” whether evil, Titus 2:11-12, or good, 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Timothy 3:5; Revelation 2:13; 3:8.
- *Aparneomai* – to affirm that one has no connection with. cf. Matthew 26:34-35, 75 (Strong)
- “To deny oneself.” Matthew 16:24 (Vine’s)
- **Implied is a deliberate renunciation**

### Deny “Ungodliness”

- ▣ *Asebeu* – General impiety (Romans 1:18-20; Titus 2:12.) Without reverence for God  
Romans 5:6. (Vine’s)
- ▣ Progressive. cf. 2 Timothy 2:16
- ▣ Must eliminate ALL ungodliness.  
Colossians 3:5-17
- ▣ Why must we deny ALL ungodliness?
  - God of this world will blind us. 2 Cor. 4:4
  - Will not inherit the kingdom of heaven.  
Gal. 5:19-21

### Denying “Worldly Lusts”

- **“Worldly”** – “of or pertaining to this world,” the natural and fleshly realm.
  - **“Lusts”** – “Strong desires,” especially “strong desires that are evil and grow out of fleshly appetites.” (Romans 13:13-14)
  - Includes:
    - Lust for unholy riches. 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Matthew 6:19-21
    - Sinful pleasures & evil habits. Hebrews 11:24-26
    - All wickedness. Titus 3:3
- We must deny ALL UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY LUSTS. Colossians 3:9; Galatians 5:24

### We must live... “Soberly”

- ▣ *Sophronos* – With sound mind.
- ▣ ... To possess control over one’s mind, desires, passions and appetites... (cf. Titus 2:2,5,6; 1 Thessalonians 5:6,8)
- ▣ Must THINK RIGHT. 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8
- ▣ *“He must do his duty to himself before he can do his duty to others. He who does not live soberly cannot live righteously. He cannot do his duty to his fellow man until he discharges those he owes to himself...”* (David Lipscomb, Commentary of the N.T. Epistles, page 277)

### We must live... “Righteously”

- ▣ *Dikaïos* – “doing justly” and “the right conduct; of what is right; by the right standard.”
- ▣ Uses of this word.
  - Character and work of God. Psalms 50:6
  - Work and death of Christ. Romans 5:18
  - Revelation of the word of God. Psalms 119:172
  - Individuals who understand, believe and DO the will of God. Psalms 23; Acts. 10:35
- ▣ *“All unrighteousness is sin...”* 1 John 5:17

### How Do We Know What Is Righteous?

- ▣ The standard is the word of God!  
Psalms 119:172; cf. Romans 10:1-3
- ▣ One who fears God and “works righteousness” is acceptable.  
Acts 10:34-35
- 1 John 3:7, “(My) little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous”

### We must live... “Godly”

- *Eusebos* – Piously: ... signifies a devout, pious manner of living.
- It embraces that fear and reverence of God that must characterize both our attitudes and conduct.  
(cf. Hebrews 11:7; 2 Timothy 3:12; 2 Peter 2:9)

**Grace teaches us to...**

▣ **Deny:**

- Ungodliness
- Worldly lusts

▣ **Live:**

- Soberly
- Righteously
- Godly

**Grace teaches us how to live!**

**Titus 2:13**