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“Jesus Christ, ... gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.” Titus 2:14

I. Source Grace – The Source of Good Works (Titus 2:14b)

- A. Good works flow from a **heart** moved by God’s love (Prov. 4:23, Luke 6:43-45)
- B. God demonstrates his love (Rom. 5:8)
- C. Two Things Jesus is wanting from us:
 - 1. “A people that are his very own” – people who know whose they are
 - 2. “A people ... eager to do good works” – people who love to please God
- D. Our source is the GRACE of God in the past, present, and future!

II. Saving Grace in the Past (Titus 2:11)

- A. The grace of God appeared (*epiphaino* = epiphany) – the first coming of Christ
- B. Grace = *charis* = unmerited favor due to Christ’s sacrifice
- C. This grace brought the opportunity of salvation.
 - 1. Until we remember who you were BEFORE you were saved (Eph. 2:1 – 5)
 - 2. And our remember the forgiveness offered to you
 - 3. And our hopeless situation as we were destined for hell
- D. Salvation has been offered to ALL people – our motivation and our message!

III. Schoolmaster Grace NOW (Titus 2:12)

- A. “This present age” needs to see the Good works of true disciples!
- B. This grace is training us to say “NO”
 - 1. Ungodliness = attitude of arrogance about spiritual things – rebellion against God
 - 2. Worldly passions = Setting your heart on fulfilling worldly desires – worship of the world
- C. This grace is training us to say “YES”
 - 1. Self-controlled lives = Living a life under emotional/physical control – boundaries not bonds
 - 2. Upright lives = Living to pleases God – At peace due to a right relationship with God
 - 3. Godly lives = Living in a way that reflects Gods values to others – Light in the darkness

IV. Sustaining Grace into the Future (Titus 2:13,14)

- A. Until the “blessed hope” we are looking for – (*epiphaneai*) – second coming of Christ
- B. We are strive to be “zealous for good works” until the end
- C. Jesus is our savior (*soter*) and our great God (*megas theos*) full of glory (*doxa*)
- D. He set the example for us:
 - 1. He gave himself up for us – Good works are giving ourselves up for others
 - 2. To redeem us – To show them the redeeming love of God in Christ Jesus
 - 3. To purify us – To show people where to find forgiveness from God