

Three Things

About Grace

(Titus 2:11-14)

- Introduction:
1. The word grace can be defined as “unmerited favor.”
 - a. Grace – receiving what we do not deserve.
 - b. Mercy – not receiving what we do deserve.
 2. As with many Bible topics, people swing to extremes.
 - a. I once heard a preacher say that we must “earn” God’s grace.
 - b. On the other extreme is the idea that grace is so powerful we need not take sin too seriously.
 3. In this lesson, I wish to present three things about grace.

I. It Is Resistible

- A. The doctrine of “Irresistible Grace” states – “God’s grace and salvation cannot be effectively resisted. When God determines to save a man, that man is saved! Neither that man himself nor the devil, nor the wicked world are able to prevent his salvation.”
- B. This doctrine of “Irresistible Grace” is a part of the theology of Calvinism.
- C. However, it is not a part of God’s scheme of redemption revealed in Scripture.
- D. Consider these passages: (Titus 2:11-12; 2 Cor. 6:1; Acts 13:46; John 12:32).

II. It is Amazing

- A. “Amazing Grace” – John Newton, 1779.
- B. Paul, the apostle (1 Timothy 1:12-17).
- C. Then there’s your story.
- D. The world can offer anything the church offers, better than the church can offer it, except for one thing, grace.
 1. It’s the good news of the gospel.
 2. Don’t allow this good news to simmer on a back burner. It needs to be front and center!
- E. (John 1:16).

III. It has Expectations

- A. (Titus 2:11-12).
 1. It teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.
 2. It also teaches us to live soberly, righteously, and godly.
- B. Grace isn’t a “hall-pass” to sin and live as you wish.
- C. It demands a changed life (Romans 5:20-6:2).

- Conclusion:
1. God’s grace is our only hope for eternal life.
 2. By living in sin, refusing to confess and repent of sins, and resisting God’s commandments, we make God’s grace of no effect in our lives.
 3. If you want to experience God’s amazing grace, then surrender your will to his.