



Grace That Works
Titus 2:11-15
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GOD'S DESIGN FOR A LIFE THAT TRULY SATISFIES

SERMON NOTES

Grace appears. Grace saves. Grace trains.

Grace doesn't just forgive us; it forms us.

Grace isn't just pardon for your past; it's power for your present.

Grace doesn't simply get us into heaven someday; grace gets heaven into us today.

“Adorn” is *kosmeto* in the Greek. We get our word cosmetic from this word. It means “to beautify.”

“For” could be translated “because.” You can adorn the gospel because of grace.”

1. Grace appears. v. 11a

Grace didn't merely appear FROM God.

Grace appeared AS God.

Jesus is why Grace Works!

2. Grace saves. v. 11b

Jesus has saved us from the penalty of sin. That's justification.

Jesus is saving us from the power of sin. That's sanctification.

Jesus will save us from the very presence of sin. That's glorification.

Are you saved? Do you know?

Not a “think so” salvation or a “hope so” salvation but a “know so” salvation.

3. Grace trains. v. 12a

Grace trains us to leave the old life.

Grace trains us to live the new life.

Am I living sensibly, justly, reverently, purely, and generously? Here? Now? All day? Every day? At home?

At work? At school? On the field? When I'm driving? Online?

SERMON NOTES

Trusting in one's own good works sounds like...

- I've been good!
- I go to church!
- I say my prayers!
- I leave a 20% tip!
- I'm OK because my good outweighs my bad!

The placement of the prepositions matter!

We're saved by grace through faith in Christ for works.

We are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, but the grace that saves never stands alone.

Good works are the fruit – and the proof – of salvation.

- Grace trains us to leave the old life.
- Grace trains us to live the new life.
- Grace trains us to look for the next life.

Grace appears.

Grace saves.

Grace trains...

- **leave the old life**
- **live the new life**
- **look for the next life**
- **and gain the good life.**

A 7-day spiritual experiment. Three times a day – for one week – stop for sixty seconds and ask God to remind you about His grace.

The prayer follows a pattern: By grace. Through faith. In Christ. For works.

By grace...

Lord God, because of Your grace I'm fully loved, completely accepted, and totally forgiven.

Through faith...

I trust You to accomplish Your will in me, through me, and for me.

In Christ...

Christ alone is my pattern, my pardon, and my power, training me to leave the old life, live the new life, and look for the next life.

For works...

Make me passionate today to seize every opportunity to do the good works You created me to do.

May my life adorn the truth about God my Savior. By grace. Through faith. In Christ. For works. Amen.