

Living Right in a World Gone Wrong

Titus 2:11-14

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while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13

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Paul's Analogy

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 1 Cor. 10:1

They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:2-4

**After we are saved by Christ,
there is a challenging transition
that occurs in our lives.**

**We are to become like God
in His holiness.**

Sanctification, discipleship, growing in Christ

A purifying process that takes place in the life of a believer over a period of time.

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1. Our Instructions are to Live as God's People in the World.

The Grace of God

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Worldly pleasure, material possessions, and human pride.

*Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **1 John 2:15***

For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.

1 John 2:16

The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:17

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:4 | Deuteronomy 8:3

Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship

the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

Matthew 4:10 | Deut. 6:13

Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Matthew 4:7 | Deut. 6:13

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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its

shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

2. Incentives for us to Live as God's People in the World.

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1. Remember God's Grace (past)
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God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Well then, shall we keep on sinning so that God can keep on showing us more and more kindness and forgiveness? Romans 6:1
(The Living Bible Paraphrase)

Of course not! Should we keep on sinning when we don't have to? For sin's power over us was broken when we became Christians and were baptized to become a part of Jesus Christ; Romans 6:2-3
(The Living Bible Paraphrase)

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2. Understand God's Purpose (present)

while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, **Titus 2:13**

3. Believe God's Promise (future)

I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
John 14:2-3

“Behold, I am coming soon! Yes, I am coming soon.”

Revelation 22:7, 12, 20

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

*So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. **Matthew 24:42, 44***

Superficial comfort, warning

*‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace. **Jer. 6:14, 8:11***

*The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; **Joel 2:31-32***

*Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. **2 Peter 3:11-12***

3. Essential Ingredients we need to Live as God's People.

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1. We have to have right thinking.

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Titus 2:12

Right thinking, leads to right behavior, and right feeling

love the Lord your God... with all of your mind

Matthew 22:37

be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Phil. 2:5 (KJV)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed

*and who correctly handles the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15***

*Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. **Romans 10:17***

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2. We have to wait.

*But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)***

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9***