

VBF Women's Study Lesson 22

Titus 2:11-14 Part 3

As you read through Titus and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: In the next week prayerfully **read Titus completely and all the verses listed below**. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text only. Don't worry if you cannot find all the answers. We will discuss them next week.

Questions:

Text note: In the beginning of verse 11 we have the word "For" (gar in Greek). "Gar" is a conjunction in this case that basically introduces an explanation or reason.

- 1) **REVIEW:** With the text note in mind, how does 2:11-14 fit with 2:1-10? Prayerfully examine the inspired author's flow of thought in the text, especially the transition between 10 and 11.
- 2) **REVIEW:** What does Paul say has appeared in 2:11? Explain.
- 3) **REVIEW:** What is _____ training (instructing) us to do now (in this present age) in 2:12? Make five observations.
- 4) **REVIEW:** Do you see God's grace in the person of Christ continually instructing you through His Word, empowering you by His Spirit in the areas revealed in 2:12? Why, Why not?
- 5) What three aspects of salvation do you see in 2:11-14 (give verses).

WORD STUDY NOTE: The word translated "looking for" in 2:13 is **prosdechomai**. It speaks of an eager longing, expectant waiting. It is in the present tense which signifies a continual habitual action.

TEXT NOTE: The phrase translated "**the appearing of the glory**" in 2:13 is translated best in the NKJ as "**glorious appearing**".

THEOLOGICAL NOTE: The appearing of Christ spoken of in 2:13 might or might not be the "harpadzo," (which we call the rapture; Thes. 4, John 14) rather, it could be referring to Christ's glorious second coming (parousia) spoken of in Matt 24-25, 1Thes 5 and Revelation. Yet, either way for we in the church we expectantly wait for Jesus to come for us, which is the glorious precursor for the church to His coming in glory.

- 6) What does God's Grace that appeared (2:11) cause us to looking for or expectantly waiting for (2:13)?

- 7) Make 2 observations about who Christ Jesus is from 2:13. Christ Jesus is our "great _____." Is He your _____ also? Why?

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- 8) Make observation from the following about the Lord's coming for His church (before His second coming), especially concerning what should be doing or thinking.
- a) John 14:1-3
 - b) 1Thes. 4:13-18
 - c) Philippians 3:18-21
 - d) Titus 2:13
- 9) Rev 1:7 says:
- 10) What do the following verses reveal Christ will do at His second coming to those who do not believe?
- a) Matt 16:24-27
 - b) Luke 17:24-30
 - c) Isaiah 13:6-11, Zephaniah 1:14-18
 - d) 1Thes 5:1-11
 - e) 2Thes 1:3-12
- 11) Make observations concerning believers from the following verses that speak of His second coming to earth:
- a) 1Thes. 5:1-11
 - b) 1Thes. 1:8-10
 - c) 2Thes. 1:3-12
 - d) 1John 2:28-3:3
- 12) How should expectant waiting for His return affect our behavior now? (Titus 2:11-14, 1John 2:28-3:3, 2Peter Ch. 3)? Explain.
- 13) What do you continually look forward to? Is it His coming? Has God's grace in Christ turned your eyeballs to eternity? Are you expectantly waiting for Christ to come again? If not, what is obscuring your view and how can you refocus?