

FFBC Sermon Study Guide



Living in Light of our Blessed Hope – Titus 2:11–14

A guide to help you dig deeper into God’s Word this week (the questions correspond to the sermon that was preached today). We encourage you to write your answers in a separate notebook. Unless noted, all Scripture quotations are from the *English Standard Version*.

Day 1 | Read Titus 2:11–14

1. The Apostle Paul defined the gospel as the truth that “Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, [and] that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...” (1 Cor. 15:3–4). Why do you think Christians are oftentimes at a loss when asked to define the gospel?
2. What does Paul say would be the case for Christians if Christ had not risen from the dead (1 Cor. 15:12–19)?
3. Why is the resurrection itself meaningless without the rest of the gospel message (i.e. “Christ dies for our sins...”)?

Day 2 | Read Titus 2:11–14

1. How would you define grace, and why does the Apostle Paul refer to the entire reality of the gospel as God’s grace (v. 11; cf. Eph. 2:8–9)?
2. In what way did the grace of God appear initially, and how did this appearing “bring salvation to all people” (v. 11; 14a; cf. Gal. 4:4–5)?
3. What are the three aspects of transformation that salvation brings?
4. How has God’s grace through the gospel transformed us (v. 14; cf. 2 Cor. 5:21)?
5. What characterizes those who have been transformed by the gospel (v. 14; cf. 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:8–10)?

Day 3 | Read Titus 2:11–14

1. The word “training” in v. 12 carries all the nuances of teaching, encouraging, and disciplining. How have you seen the grace of God at work in you in these ways?
2. How does Ephesians 4:22–24 help to understand Paul means by God’s grace training us in the way he describes in v. 12? What does this “put off/put on” principle look like practically in your life?
3. What does the believer’s union with Christ have to do with the power of sin being broken (see Rom. 6:3–14)? Why is it never acceptable for a Christian to say, “I can’t change”?

Day 4 | Read Titus 2:11–14

1. What is “the present age” and how long will it last? How should the answer to this question motivate you to live for Christ today?
2. As we seek to be transformed into the image of Christ more and more in this present age, what are we also supposed to be doing simultaneously (v. 13)?
3. How is the way the New Testament defines hope different from the way we use the word “hope” in our everyday conversation?

Day 5 | Read Titus 2:11–14

1. What makes the confident expectation of the second coming of the Lord Jesus “blessed”?
2. How can meditating on both who we are in Christ and what we will be when Christ comes help us to practically fight sin and live for Him today?
3. What is one takeaway for you from this passage?