

Grace and Truth Part 7
The Discipline of Grace
Titus 2:11-12

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people..."

Titus 2:11

Main Point: Grace teaches us how to live as we wait for Christ's return.

God's grace is our instructor, even bringing salvation itself.

Point One: Grace has appeared in bodily form, announcing salvation.

"This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 1:9-10 (NRSV)

Remember where we began...

"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

John 1:17

Grace is a one-word summary of God's saving act in Christ, given freely to sinners who believe.
Point Two: Grace teaches us to say "no" to sinful ways.

“...training us” or “...teaching us” is the idea of bringing up children, including not just instruction, but admonition, reproof and punishment administered in love for the benefit of the child.

What do I say “no” to?

1. Ungodliness- living without regard to faith in God; contrary to God’s instruction and commands.
2. Worldly ways- the wrongful ways and desires that mark the life of the non-Christian.

“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”
(1 Peter 2:11)

Point Three: Grace teaches us to say “yes” to live how God always intended.

What do I say “yes” to?

1. Self-control- wisely, sensibly, behaving with self-restraint; with sound mind.
2. Upright- living in moral correctness and righteousness.
3. Godly lives- being devoted to a life that seeks to glorify God in word and deed.

Question: What has grace taught you to say “no” to?
What has grace taught you to say “yes” to? Ready to be obedient to grace?

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Next week: Giving Thanks- Colossians 3:12-17