



Faith From Seeing Christ

Key idea:

Key Idea - Understanding the first appearance of Christ which has provided our salvation and waiting for His second appearance provides hope and motivation to perform good works.

Key text:

Titus 2:11–15 ESV

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. ¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Key points:

1. It is the 1st appearance, the actual historical event of Jesus Christ walking this earth that Paul is referring to in this passage.
2. From Jesus' death and resurrection grace has been provided to all mankind.
3. There will be a 2nd coming of Jesus Christ that we should hope for
4. This understanding and seeing that Jesus has come and will come again should give us hope and strengthen our faith to go out and want to conduct work for the Lord.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?

2. Why if we already believe in God do we need to be trained in the ways that Paul discusses?
3. As you read this passage how do you see Jesus Christ? What did He accomplish?
4. What “things” do you think we are to teach and perform?
5. What do you classify as “good works?”
6. What motivates you to perform “good works?”
7. Do you desire for Christ to return? Why or why not?
8. What does it mean for us to be living between the 1st and 2nd coming of Christ?
9. What do you think the “blessed hope” is and why might Paul not have just stated salvation like he did in verse 11?

Preview of next week:

Title: A Worshipping Kingdom

Text: (2 Samuel 6; 1 Chronicles 13-16)