

Theme: God's grace has come to us in Christ, and it saves those who believe, and enables them to live a life distinct from the world and in conformity to God's character.

## I. Intro – What is Central to Gospel?

- A. One of major issues in Crete – nature of Gospel
- B. False teachers made rules central
- C. What is really central to the Gospel?

## II. The Central Issue: God's Grace

- A. Whole section one sentence
- B. The subject is “grace”

## III. Four Aspects of God's Grace

- A. The temporal aspect
  - 1. God's grace was shown in past (v11,14)
  - 2. God's grace has effect now (v12)
  - 3. God's grace consummated in future (v13)
- B. The redemptive aspect
  - 1. God's grace brings salvation (v11)
  - 2. God's grace – gave Himself to redeem us (v14)
- C. The transforming aspect

- 1. God's grace does not leave us as we were
- 2. It instructs us (v12) – **negative** and **positive**
  - a. Positive is primary focus (grammar)
  - b. Negative must be done too (& first)
- 3. It changes all of life – self, others, God (v12)
- 4. Transforming begins now – not at return (vv12-13)

## D. The universal aspect

- 1. Grace appeared to all men (v11)
- 2. Really refers to all groups – not universalism (v1-10)

## IV. The Goals of God's Grace

- A. God wants to create a people of His own
  - 1. A people of His very own – v14; Ex 19:5; Dt 7:6
  - 2. He wants people to be holy & obedient – v14; Ps 130:8; Ex 19:5
  - 3. This is the goal for all believers - now
- B. God wants to extend this grace to all humanity
  - 1. This grace is meant to be shared with all
  - 2. This includes every part of our society
  - 3. This includes all nations – missions!

## **V. Prayer for the Guatemala Team**

The Gospel of God's Grace

Titus 2:11-14

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Prayer for Guatemala Team

Psalm 67

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be **my treasured possession**.  
Exodus 19:5-6

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, **his treasured possession**.  
Deuteronomy 7:6

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.  
Psalm 130:8

Now if **you obey me fully and keep my covenant**, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.  
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