

*The Grace of God works in unique ways in the believer's life.*

**“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”**

**TITUS 2:11-14 (NIV)**

**G**race of God -1. In the previous teaching, we could see clearly that God's grace through Christ Jesus has brought us salvation.

However, grace still continues to function in the life of the believer. It does not end in salvation. Rather, it continues to operate in our lives. Jesus said, **“Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.” Matthew 7:20 (NIV)**

The reason Paul left Titus in Crete was to set in order those things wanting (**Titus 1:5**). In other words, he should study and prayerfully work in Crete to ensure that Cretan believers **lined their lives with the Word of God and live a life worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that was preached to them.**

After we get born again, the grace of God still operates in our lives to enable us to conform to the image of the Son of God. It helps us to manifest the kingdom life-pattern, quite different from the world passions which operate in the lives of unregenerated people.

**Titus 2:12-14.** Grace teaches us the following among other things:

**v. 12-13**

- (1) To say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions.
- (2) To live self controlled life: The flesh dictates without grace whereas, the Holy Spirit dictates under grace.
- (3) To live an upright and godly life in this present age.
- (4) Keeps us waiting for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. When we live our life for

God, we manifest as people not only separated to Him but also, eagerly doing good works like Him by touching lives and nations until He comes. (TO BE CONTINUED)

## ALLOW GRACE TO OPERATE



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