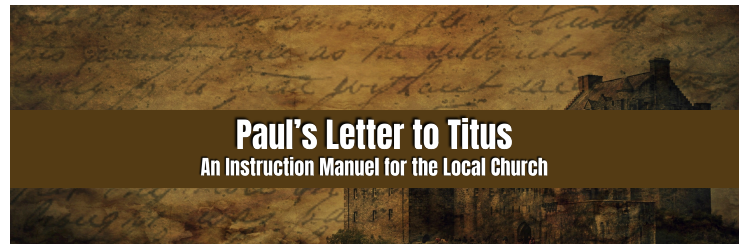


The “to Come” Transforms the “Here and Now”

September 15, 2024 – Titus 2:11-15

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Notes:

Point 1: We all have access to enough of God’s grace to transform us (v. 11)

Point 2: There are many practical outcomes to the presence of God’s supernatural power (v. 12-13a)

Point 3: What He Did, What He’s Doing, What He’s Going to Do (though maybe not in that order!) (v. 13b-14)

Point 4: Let the Message set the agenda for our service (v. 15)

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the implications of the universal offer of God's grace? (v. 11)
2. How does God's grace teach us "to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions"? What do you think this 'teaching' consists of?
3. How is our hope for Christ's Return a key element in our quest for holiness here and now? How does Titus 1:2 fit in here?
4. How are the past, present, and future of Christ's work all brought to bear on our lives in Titus 2:14? How are justification, sanctification, and glorification (i.e. being in Christ's presence at last) all inter-related?
5. How does our close adherence to the Biblical message give us confidence in both encouraging and rebuking? What do these two seemingly very different tasks have in common?

The Windhover -- To Christ Our Lord

I caught this morning morning's minion,
king-
dom of daylight's dauphin, dapple-dawn-
drawn Falcon, in his riding
Of the rolling level underneath him steady
air, and striding
High there, how he rung upon the rein of
a wimpling wing
In his ecstasy! then off, off forth on swing,
As a skate's heel sweeps smooth on a
bow-bend: the hurl and gliding
Rebuffed the big wind. My heart in hiding
Stirred for a bird, – the achieve of, the
mastery of the thing!

Brute beauty and valour and act, oh, air,
pride, plume, here
Buckle! AND the fire that breaks from
thee then, a billion
Times told lovelier, more dangerous, O
my chevalier!

No wonder of it: shéer plód makes plough
down sillion
Shine, and blue-bleak embers, ah my
dear,
Fall, gall themselves, and gash gold-
vermilion.

September 2024

Week 1 Starting Sept 2	Week 2 Starting Sept 9	Week 3 Starting Sept 16	Week 4 Starting Sept 23	Week 5 Starting Sept 30
Day 1: Hebrews 6	Day 1: John 1	Day 1: John 5	Day 1: John 9	Day 1: John 13
Day 2: Hebrews 7	Day 2: John 2	Day 2: John 6	Day 2: John 10	Day 2: John 14
Day 3: Hebrews 8	Day 3: John 3	Day 3: John 7	Day 3: John 11	Day 3: John 15
Day 4: Hebrews 9	Day 4: John 4	Day 4: John 8	Day 4: John 12	Day 4: John 16
Day 5: Hebrews 10	Day 5: John 1:1-18	Day 5: John 1:19-34	Day 5: John 1:35-51	Day 5: John 2:1-12

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.