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## Denying Ungodliness and Living Righteously

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What did you read today? Titus 2. That is a good book to read because that is what I am going to talk about tonight. Titus 2:11.

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

**Titus 2:12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

**Titus 2:13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

**Titus 2:14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

**Titus 2:15** These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Paul is writing to Titus. When you read about Titus and Timothy; many times, we put those two young men together. Probably they both were young men. When we read about Timothy; Timothy was probably a very timid individual. He probably had some things he needed to work out, as Paul wrote to him, being a young man. He had some different issues going on in life. However, when you read about Titus, I think you read a different story about Titus. I think Titus was a fellow here that didn't care to stand. When Paul talked about Titus in the book of 2 Corinthians, he called Titus his helper and his fellow helper, his laborer, and his partner in the message and the working of the gospel ministry.

We know that when we read the letter here, we know that Paul has left Titus at Creed. Creed was an isle out in the Asian Sea. We know if we read much about the church over there, and even what we hear what Paul says here, they needed some help. They needed to be able to set some things in order. They needed to ordain pastors, teachers, and people that were going to be able lead the church. Paul left Titus over there to be able to do that. Do you know why? He knew Titus could do that.

Listen. We need pastors today that will stand. We need pastors that won't buckle under when the problems come, when issues come and when the devil comes around. I want you to know something. There is a Judas in every crowd. There is a Judas in every church. Everywhere I have ever been that has always been there. I'm glad of something tonight. I'm glad we serve a God that is more powerful than all of that.

Here Titus was. He was at Creed. Paul was writing to him. He said, "I want to tell you some things you need to do. you need to ordain people here. You need set people in these positions; people that were blameless, people that had the right credentials.

Do you know what we do a lot of times today? I have seen done many times in ordaining and put people in positions. We put people in positions that never should be there. We ordain people sometimes that never should have been ordained. They don't meet the qualifications that God has laid down in His Word. You might say, that doesn't matter. That is really all that does matter.

What God said in His Word, the qualifications for a man to stand and teach and preach the Word of God in the book for a reason. When we do those things, and we lay our hands upon people like that. Do you know what God will do? God will bless them. That is not the message.

Here is what I want to talk about tonight. I want to talk about the grace of Almighty God. I want to talk about something that we all need. If you are saved tonight, you have experienced the greatness and the grace of Almighty God. Paul said...

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Listen to what it says here. I want you to understand that the grace Paul is talking about is Jesus Christ. He is the grace of Almighty God. Can you remember where we used to be? When you read the book of Romans, do you know what you will find out? We were lost. We were doomed. We were damned. We were enemies of the cross. We were enemies of God. Do you know what Jesus did? He loved me enough even though I was His enemy, even though I did not like Him; one day He spoke, one day He called, one day He drawled us unto Him and thank God, if we have said, "Yes." to Him, we are saved tonight. Isn't that awesome to know?

The grace of God—the grace of God. Grace is something that we did not earn. Not one of us here has merited the grace of Almighty God. Nobody has. Nobody deserved for Jesus Christ to go to a cross, suffer, bleed, and died, the death that He died for people like me and you. We did not deserve that. We did not deserve Jesus Christ to suffer as He suffered. Do you know what this is? This is where the grace of God comes in. The grace of Almighty God—do you know what Jesus Christ did? He looked beyond all my sin. He looked beyond all my faults. He looked beyond all the things I ever did wrong. Do you know what He saw? He saw in mankind something. He saw potential in mankind. Do you know what He did? One day through eternities past, He stood up and said, "Hey, Father I will go to planet earth and I will die for them." I will give my life for them. They don't deserve it but I love them. I will die for them. You did not deserve that. I did not either.

God's grace—I'm glad for God's grace. I am also glad for heaven. Amen! I'm also glad—and I've said this here a lot—there isn't going to be any sinus issues in heaven. Praise His Name!

God's grace is a free gift. God's grace is a free gift. It doesn't cost us anything. It does not cost us nothing. It does not cost you one thing. Do you know what I thought about a while ago? Do you know what I thought about?

When Adam sinned, not when Eve sinned; we know that God put Adam and Eve in the garden. We know that He told them to stay in there and till the garden. They could eat of every tree that was in the garden except one tree. The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil; they were not to eat of it. They could eat of the Tree of Life. They could eat of all the trees that were there but they were not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

We know the enemy came along one day and he began to deceive Eve. He beguiled Eve. He was very subtle. We know that Eve goes over and gets the fruit. We know that she eats of it. Do you know what? When Adam got home from wherever he was at; she told her husband what she did. Do you know what Adam knew? Adam knew that his wife was going to die. Adam knew that he was going to be alone again. Do you know what Adam did? With his eyes wide open? Adam ate of the fruit. He was the one in transgression, not Eve. Listen. Adam ate the fruit. He knew what he was doing with his eyes wide open. He knew he was disobeying God. When they disobeyed God, do you know what happened? The sweet communion that they used to have with God, when God would come down and walk with them in the cool of the day; it was gone. Do you know why? They had sinned against Almighty God. The sin that Adam and Eve committed has been passed down unto all men through all generations.

I'm glad there was a man called Jesus, died on a cross, outside the city of Jerusalem, at a place called the skull so that I could be and we could be reconciled, brought back into a right relationship with the God of heaven. I like it when He comes by in the cool of the day. Don't you? I like it when He comes by in the hot of the day. I like it when He just comes by. I like when He just shows up. Don't you? Do you know what that is? That is communion. That is fellowship that we can have with God. If you don't know what that is folks, then you are missing something that is absolutely awesome. I mean that.

It is great to be running a weed eater and it being 100 degrees outside. The Lord comes and just starts whispering in your ear and wraps His arms of love around you and blesses you from the top of your head to the sole of your feet. Washing dishes, washing clothes, going down the road, going to school, being at work; He just shows up. Do you know why? Because He loves us.

Jesus Christ has brought salvation to you and me. Salvation from our sin. We were lost. We were doomed. We were damned. We were on our way to a lake of fire. There was no hope for you and me. There was no other way. There was no hope for you and me. We were done. Mankind was done. If Jesus Christ does not come and die on a cross, then we are all lost. We will be lost forevermore. Do you know what? I'm glad for the grace.

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, I know we live in a world today where people wants to say that this little group can be saved and that little group cannot be saved, but I want you to understand something tonight. It doesn't matter who you are. It doesn't matter what color your skin is. It

doesn't matter what your nationality is. It doesn't matter what side of the wall you are on. If you will believe the Lord Jesus Christ—do you know what you can do? You can be saved today. He will forgive you. The grace, Jesus Christ, that God sent; He sent to bring salvation unto all men; every man, every woman, every boy, every girl. Jesus Christ came and died for all. Every one of us. You don't have to die lost. Jesus came to die in your stead.

Get this.

Not only did He come to save us, but He come and the same grace, the same Jesus that has brought salvation that saved us from our sins; He teaches us some things. That is what this says.

**Titus 2:12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Listen. When Jesus Christ came and He brought salvation unto you and me, do you know what? He did not put us out here in the field and say just do the best you can and you just make it the best way you can. You figure it out on your own.

Listen. God did not do that for you and me when He saved us. He placed within us His Holy Spirit. Not only is He a comforter but He is a teacher. Do you know what He will do? The Bible says God's grace, Jesus Christ, will teach us that we need to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.

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Do you know what the word *deny* means? It means that we need to run away from. We need to get away from it as far as we can, as quick as we can. There are things that Christian people don't need to be around. The Holy Spirit will teach us that there are some things that we don't need to be around. Do you know what I thought today? I thought about what a teacher will do when she goes into the classroom, to teach your children. Do you know what she is trying to do? She is trying to instill some things in them. She is trying to instill some knowledge in them that is going to help them on down the road in their life.

Do you know what I am glad of? I'm glad the Holy Ghost that dwells on the inside; He will teach me some things that will help me through life. He will teach you some things that will help you through life.

**Titus 2:12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

We need to reject, renounce, give it up, have nothing to do with ungodliness. If you are saved tonight, the Holy Ghost will tell you that. If you can participate—get this—in ungodliness and your conscious is not touched, if God does not convict you of the ungodliness that you are doing then you have better check and see if you are saved. Because the grace of God, Jesus Christ, will teach us that we need to reject, we need to

deny, we need to run away from, we need to shun ungodliness. What is ungodliness? *Ungodliness* is anything that is not like God, not holy. God is a holy God. Do you know what He expects out of me and you? Holiness. The Bible says without holiness no man shall see the Lord. That is in the book. It is there. Not only does it mean holy, but it means not righteous, not pure, anything that does not honor the God of heaven, anything that does not obey God, anything that is against the will of Almighty God. That is what ungodliness is. Anything that is not Godly.

Listen. We want to do a lot of things a lot of times under the disguise and heading of Christianity and church. However, if we would check out some of the things we are participating in, do you know what we might find out? We might find out that it is not godly at that it is actually ungodly.

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He says not only the same God, the same grace, the same Jesus that brought salvation unto all men; He is the same God that will teach us how to live. Do you know what I am glad tonight that He will do? I'm glad that when I get out of line that He will let me know that I am out of line. I'm glad when I say something that I should not say; I'm glad that He will let me know that.

I was talking to a brother today and he was talking to a little girl beside the road. He said something and probably did not mean anything by it. I'm sure he didn't. However, sometimes we say things before we think. Before the words get out of our mouth, we know that we shouldn't have said that. I'm glad that there is a God that will teach me that my conduct, what it should be and what it should not be. You don't have to be saved very long to know that you don't have to be telling filthy jokes.

Listen. The Bible says that filthy communication corrupts good manners. If you are still yet telling your filthy jokes then you need to get right with Almighty God. If you are still yet participating in things that are ungodly, get right with God. He will teach you how you need to live. Amen!

Not only that, not only will He teach us that we need to deny ungodliness, and worldly lusts, any kind of a desire. All the desires of this world that are not fit for heaven. That is ungodly. That is ungodly lusts. Lust means desire. We always want to put that on and have to do with sexual things and a lot of times it does, but actually the word means desires. There is an enemy out here trying infiltrate our minds and your mind too. He wants to try to put all kinds of stuff in your head. He will use people. He will use anybody that allow him—that's satan, so you understand that. Satan is just an influence. Satan is a real personality. He is as real as you and I are real. He is as real as anything else is. Do you know what he wants to do? He wants to plant all kinds of stuff and all kinds of garbage in our heads. Remember one thing. There is only one devil but there are all kinds of demons. There are all kinds of angels that have fallen. They are out there everywhere and they are trying to get you. They are trying to get

me. They are trying to influence how that I think. They are trying to influence what I do. they are trying to influence where I go and where I don't go.

However, I'm glad—listen—that I am indwelled by the holy ghost of Almighty God. When I will listen to Him, and walk as I need to walk; He will tell me some things that I need to stay away from. He will show me and let me know that there are some voices out there that I don't need to listen to.

Listen. If you are listening to voices that are not bringing to glory to God then you are listening to the voice of satan. If you are listening to voices that are causing...confusion then you are listening to the voice of satan. The Holy Ghost will teach you. The Holy Ghost will tell you how that you need to live. He will teach you that we need to deny ungodliness and all the worldly desires that do not bring glory to God.

A lot desires we have, I don't think that if you stop and think about it for a minute and understand the desires, thoughts and actions of this body; God knows all about it. God doesn't let things slide. God does not grade on a curve. Amen!

Our court system; I heard about someone that did some horrible crimes the other day and they are going to give him a few days in jail and they are going to let him out. However, it doesn't work that way with God. All the desires, that craves the passions, and craves to possessions of this world. Do you know what we need to do? We need to get away from them. We need to let those things alone.

There are many things in life that we don't need. Do you know what God knows? God knows everything I need. God knows everything I can handle. God knows everything you can handle. We pray for a lot of things sometimes that we don't need. If we got them we couldn't handle them anyway. Amen! Things are the pleasures in this world that we need to let alone. The desire that craves sensual things and sexual things and the pleasures of this world, the very things that we don't want God to see. We don't want God to know what we are doing which are worldly lusts that we need to deny. We need to run away from it. We need to get as far away from it as we can.

Listen. There is an enemy there trying to destroy us and to kill us. there are people that you don't need to loaf with. There are people that you don't need to be around. There are people that are trying to bring you down. Amen! There is an enemy out there that will use people to try to get you not to serve Jesus Christ, to lose fellowship with Him, to throw in the towel and do something else. The cravings and the desires and the voices that we hear; we had better be very careful. There is a God that will teach us if we will listen.

When I went to school, I did not listen a lot. Do you know what? I did not learn a lot. Truth! I remember typing class. You probably wouldn't believe it but I took typing when I went to school. I hated that class. I hated typing. They tell you what you need to do here. I wouldn't even know how to turn a typewriter on today. The only reason I got out of there is that guy hated me so bad. He gave me 2 F's and 2 C's so I could pass. That

was the only reason he did that was so he could get me out of there. Do you know why? It was because I didn't listen.

It is the same thing in our Christian life, if we don't listen to God then we get ourselves in a mess. God will teach us. God wants to teach us. God wants us to live right. Not only will He teach us some things here that we need to deny but it also tells how that we need to live. There are some things we need to stay away from, some negative things in life; but aren't you glad that God will also give us some positive things and show us some things in our life that we need to do here.

**Titus 2:12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Do you know what the Holy Ghost will do? He will teach us here how we should live in life. There have been times in my life that my life has been out of control. Before I got saved...if I would be working on an old car or something and I couldn't get something where it needed to go; I would throw my tools over the hill. I would throw them out in the hay field. I remember one day, I was working on an old Chevelle that I had there under a big silver maple. I don't remember what I was doing to it but I couldn't get it to work. I couldn't get it to do what I wanted it to do. I hit that silver maple with all I had. It did not shake that maple not one bit but almost broke my arm.

Listen. Living soberly, do you know what it will do? It will give you some self-control. Do you know what I don't do anymore? I don't walk around hitting maple trees. I don't throw my tools over the bank anymore. Do you know why? Because I am going to need them things on down the road. I'm glad that the Holy Ghost will teach us that we need to live soberly, that we need to have some self-control. We need to have some restraints in this life.

Listen. If your tongue flaps at both ends then you don't know what living soberly is all about. If there is no restraint in your conversation, then you absolutely don't know anything about living a sober life because a Christian living in the will of God will live a sober life. There are restraints in our lives. Amen! If you are out of control in any area of your life, then you had better do some serious praying. Listen. You are going to have a lot of pain.

Because I hit the tree and it didn't move. Do you know what? I suffered with that a long time. That was way before I got saved. I haven't hit any trees after I got saved. Can I tell you I have never got mad? No. I have gotten mad. Have I said things that I shouldn't have said? Most definitely.

Get this. I'm a whole lot better than I was 40 years ago when I first got saved. Amen! I'm doing a whole lot better now than I did then. Amen! I have a lot more patience with people now. Do you know why? Because God has had patience with me. Do you know what God could have done in all the blunders I made when I first started preaching—and I make them still yet today—all the blunders and mistakes that I have made. Do you know what God could have said? I'm done with that yoyo. God could

have done that but He didn't. God is a longsuffering God. Do you know what He told me? I'm no different than everybody else is. I'm not going to put up with your sin. I'm not saying that. I am not going to tolerate your sin. I'm not going to pat you on the back when you do evil. I'm not going to do that. However, God is a patient God. God will teach us that we need to have self-restraint.

Not only will He teach us that we need to have self-control or soberness, but He will us that we need to live soberly and righteously. Doing right. There never should be a time in your life when you do wrong. A Christian that is saved and has been born again; there is never a time in your life that you should look at situations and know what right is and know what wrong is and decide to what wrong. Do you know what the Holy ghost will do? He will teach us that we need to live righteously. He will teach us that we need to live right. That there is a way we need to live. We can live in a way that our speech, our actions, and what we do is pleasing to Almighty God. That is exactly what we need to do. not only that but living righteously, not only will I live right but I will treat other people right. I will have respect for other people. Even though they may not always agree with me, even though we may differ in opinions about whatever it is.

I had someone stop the other day. He did not like it because I had a black truck. I wanted to tell him it really none of his business because I was the one that paid for it. I did not do that. He didn't like black. He didn't like this. After a while, I just said, "Hey, sir; I need to go do something else."

Listen. We will respect people. We will respect their opinions. We will respect who they are. Not having any respect for sin, not patting them on the back but the Holy Ghost will teach us that we need to treat other people right. Amen? There is never a time for you to treat people wrong, or for me to treat people wrong. Amen! I will say this; in treating people right sometimes, they will think you are treating them wrong. That happens.

Living right, being right, living a sober restrained, righteous, living life right; the Holy Ghost will teach us that. Just like a teacher teaches chemistry, math, health, typing, they do that to instill some understanding and knowledge in their pupils that will help them in their life; the Holy Ghost teaches us some things. If we listen as we are going through school, He will teach us some things that will help us as we go through life. Aren't you glad for that?

We are not on our own folks. We are not out here just wandering around. We have a God that loves us and we have a God that helps us.

Not only soberly, righteously and godly but the word godly simply means anything that is like God. We need to live, on planet earth as God lived on planet earth. We need to look at Jesus Christ's life and see what He did and how He lived. That is how you and I need to live. If we are going pattern our lives after anybody—young people, listen to me. I know a lot of times we want to pattern our lives after a NASCAR race driver, or some football player, or some baseball player. I know some of those people, no doubt,

are very good people and no doubt; they live right and do right. However, if you really want to pattern your life after somebody that is not going to let you down; pattern your life after Jesus Christ. You get your Bible. You read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and read the stories about Jesus Christ. Read the Bible and the story about the God of heaven and pattern your life after Him, you will never go wrong.

Do you know what the Holy Ghost will do? He will teach you to do that. He will teach us to live godly lives. He will teach us to be sober and righteous. He will teach us there is a right way to live and there is a wrong way to live. I'm so very glad today that He is here. I'm so very glad that He is on the inside because I can't make it without Him and you can't either.

**Titus 2:13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Do you know what the Holy Ghost will do? If we are saved tonight, born again tonight, living in the will of God tonight, living a life of obedience; do you know what He will do? He will teach us that we need to look for Christ's appearing. He will teach us that we need to be looking every day for Jesus Christ to appear. I don't know when He is going to appear. I don't know when He is going to come. I do know that He told the disciples in the very night that He was betrayed, that He was going to go away and He was going to come again. When He came again, He was going to receive them unto Himself that where He was at they could be also. I know that He is coming. I know that Jesus Christ is coming. You might say well what is so blessed about that.

Get this. The word *blessed* it means to be filled with happiness, to be filled with prosperity, it means to be filled with riches and benefits. Get this. When Jesus Christ comes and appears in the clouds...we are going to leave planet earth.

Listen. What makes this such a happy time is what we are going to leave behind. Thank God, we are going to leave sickness behind. That makes me happy. When I think about His appearing, we are going to leave pain all behind. We are going to leave loneliness, sorrow, grief; we are going to leave that all behind. Do you know what that does for me? That makes me happy to know that there is a day coming that these things are going to be done with. When He appears in the clouds, not only are we going to leave some things behind, but the first thing is that we are going to see Him, the One that died for us on a tree. The One that gave Himself for us, to redeem us and to pay a price for us; we are going to get to see Him for the very first time. Do you know what I say to that? I say glory to the God of heaven. I am going to get to see Jesus. Grannie do you know what we are going to do also. We are going to get to see some people; friends, daddies, mommies, and children that have died saved. Thank God we are going to get to meet them in the air. We are going to get to see them. Do you know what I say to God tonight? I say praise His name. That makes me happy. That should make you happy. Amen!

Not only on what we are going to leave behind, but what we are going to gain. There will never be a bad day, never, not one day; where we will have to decrease our activity because of arthritis—not one day. There won't be heart attacks there. We won't need medicine. There won't be acid reflux there. Amen! No high blood pressure. No diabetes. That should be a blessing to all of us. amen! Do you know what that does? That makes me happy.

We are going to lay this guy down. The guy that we polish on today, brush our teeth, wash our face, do your best, comb the three hairs on your head. We work on this guy. We need to. We need to be presentable. Do you know why? This body is the temple of Almighty God. Amen! That is the book. One day we are going to have a brand new one. Corruption is going to put on incorruption. This mortal is going to put on immortality. Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written; death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin. The strength of sin is the Law. Thanks, be unto God which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15:53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

**1 Corinthians 15:54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

**1 Corinthians 15:55** O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

**1 Corinthians 15:56** The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

**1 Corinthians 15:57** But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

That is what makes it blessed. That is what makes that day so great. He appears. He shouts. The dead raises. If we are alive, we are going to meet the dead in the air here. We are going to come here. Do you know what Jesus is going to do? He is going to lead the way home. Amen! We are going to get to follow Him home. He is not going to run off and leave me like my brothers used to do.

When I was a kid we would get out in the dark of the night somewhere and they would run off and leave me. I did not have any light and I would be petrified. Do you know what Jesus is not going to do? He is not going to run off and leave me. Do you know what? He is not going to run off and leave not one of His children. Your family, your friends; people may have been dead for hundreds of years or even thousands of years; Jesus Christ is not going to forget one of them. If they died in faith, we are going to heaven together. I know when you read the book that when Jesus arose from the dead the Bible says some of the graves that were in Jerusalem, in that area, their bodies were in the graves; some of them arose and were seen of many.

Do you know what? Listen. There are going to be untold millions of people going to raise when Jesus Christ appears. Do you know what that does? That makes me

happy. Spiritually blessed is another translation for the word blessed. Spiritually prosperous. If you are saved tonight, have the Holy Ghost dwelling on the inside tonight; you are spiritually prosperous. You are prospering spiritually. He teaches you some things. He wants to tell you some things that is going to help you as you go through life. Friend, I need a teacher. We need somebody to teach us. We are talking about the God of heaven. We all need that.

We all need teachers to teach us. Men to teach us. Absolutely! But we need the Holy Ghost. The teachers and pastors and the spiritual leaders we have here on earth do not go home with us. They don't go to work with us. They don't go to school with you. The most battles you face in life; they won't be by your side. The battles you face and the things you face; if you are saved, Jesus Christ will be with you. He will be with you.

It is good to see people. It is good to talk to people. However, some of the greatest battles I have ever had in life, I did not have time to go talk to anyone. Do you know what?

Jesus Christ is real. He is alive. He indwells His people that are saved. If you don't know Him today as your Savior, I would plead with you tonight to make things right with Him because He loves you. He cares about you.

Come and pray—