

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Titus 2:11-14 we find the second Incarnation Implication: We Must Linger Well as we await Christ's return (v. 13) because God's grace to us in Christ in His first coming equips us in 2 specific ways.

- I. The grace of God in Christ saves us (v. 11).
  - A. We are redeemed from lawlessness (v. 14a).
  - B. We are purified:
    1. for Christ's possession (v. 14b).
    2. zealous for good works (v. 14c).
- II. The grace of God in Christ trains us.
  - A. How *not to* linger:
    1. Pursuing ungodliness (v. 12a).
    2. Pursuing worldly passions (v. 12b).
  - B. How *to* linger:
    1. Living self-controlled lives (v. 12c).
    2. Living upright lives (v. 12d).
    3. Living godly lives (v. 12e).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 16, 2018

Passage: Titus 2:11-14

Memory Passage: Titus 2:11-14

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Titus 2:11-14** This week we examine what it means to “Linger Well,” our 2nd “Incarnation Implication.” Write a brief paragraph recapping what you learned last week about “Living Well” and at least 3 ways you applied what you learned.

(b) Read Titus 1:1-2:10 and explain what the “For” refers to that begins v. 11.

(c) What is “the grace of God” to which Paul refers and upon which he bases his teaching in vs. 11-14?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Titus 2:11-14.** When did God’s “grace” appear, and what does it accomplish for those who trust Christ?

(b) To whom does the phrase “all people” refer in v. 11 (consider the immediate context!)?

(c) Explain how “the grace of God” appearing in Christ’s incarnation “trains” you to “renounce ungodliness and worldly passions.”

(d) What ungodliness and worldly passions do you renounce in your daily life? What ungodliness and worldly passions *should you be* renouncing in your daily life? How do you actively help others to submit to this training in their own lives?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Titus 2:12-14.** Explain what it means to live a self-controlled life, an upright life, and a godly life.

(b) In what ways does God’s grace instruct you to live your life according to each of these characteristics?

(c) In what aspects of your life must you more fully submit to this training in your own life? How will you begin today?

(d) When does “the present age” begin and end, and how does this affect your understanding of your obligation to submit to the training of God’s grace in the areas mentioned in vs. 11-12

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Titus 2:11-14.** In what ways is the return of Christ “our blessed hope” (v. 13)?

(b) “Waiting” is an active verb (hence the title “Linger Well”), informing us that the lives we are being trained to live (vs. 11-12) are the activities in which we are engaged while we wait. How does Christ’s second coming motivate us toward waiting obediently?

(c) Explain in detail each of the two accomplishments (v. 14) provided when Christ “gave himself for us.”

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Titus 2:11-14.** Spend time today contemplating all the ways Christ’s provisions to you in His first coming (v. 14) equip you to linger well (vs. 11-12) while you await His second coming (vs.13). You should have many connections recorded.

(b) Now spend some time in prayer asking God to reveal to you all the ways you can better partake of the instruction provided to you by Christ, and specific ways you will start or stop activities & thought processes that will cause you to linger better as you wait for Christ’s return. Another way to ask this: What do you need to “put off” and “put on” in order to be blessed by God as you Linger Well?

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