

ADORNING THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

Text: Titus 2:9-10

Introduction

- Christ is our God and our Saviour (cf. v. 13).
- “God deigns to receive an ‘ornament’ from slaves, whose condition was so low and mean that they were wont to be scarcely accounted men” (Calvin).

1. Submit in All Things

^{9a} *Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters,*

- “¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. ¹⁹ For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully” (1 Pet 2:18-19).

2. Please in All Areas

^{9b} *and to please them well in all things...*

- “This desire of pleasing must be limited to those things which are proper; as is evident from other passages of a similar nature” (Calvin).

3. Answer Not Again

^{9c} *not answering again...*

- “When conscious of a fault, to palliate or stand in justification of it doubles it.” (Matthew Henry).

4. Determine Not to Steal

^{10a} *Not purloining...*

- “Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression, the same is the companion of a destroyer” (Prov 28:24).

5. Exemplify Faithfulness.

^{10b} *...but shewing all good fidelity...*

- “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord” says the master to them (Mt 25:21).

Conclusion