

**Life in Community Series**  
**A Community that Engages the World in Righteousness**  
**Titus 2:9-14**

- I. Living Out The Christian Life In Hard Circumstances (9-10)
  - A. Bondslaves – reference the sermon on slavery from 1 Timothy
  - B. No matter what circumstance you find yourself in, you are to first and foremost ask how this can make much of the gospel
    - 1. Character
    - 2. To “adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect”
- II. It Is All About The Gospel (11-14)
  - A. What has God done?
    - 1. His grace has appeared (Incarnation)
    - 2. “Bringing salvation” – actually an adjective, not a verb
    - 3. Globally
  - B. What does God expect from those touched by grace?
    - 1. To deny ungodliness
    - 2. To deny worldly desire
    - 3. To live sensibly
    - 4. To live righteously & godly
    - 5. To do these things in this present age
  - C. What should we as those touched by grace be expecting?
    - 1. Looking – waiting expectantly, receiving for oneself

- 2. The blessed hope – to be taken as “the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus
- 3. Two grammatical issues
  - a. “appearing of glory” OR “glorious appearing”
  - b. Should “our great God and Savior” be applied to “Christ Jesus” OR is it referring to two distinct persons
- III. Why This Matters In Engaging the World
  - A. The only gospel that the world will see is the one collectively represented by the church
  - B. We should be concerned, in this order, for the righteousness of God’s people:
    - 1. Our own
    - 2. Our family’s (if applicable)
    - 3. Our own local congregation
    - 4. Our like-minded brothers and sisters
    - 5. The “Christian” umbrella as a whole
  - C. Our hope for the future is never divorced in Scripture from the present life we are called to live