Reflection Questions: Have I experienced God's grace that brings salvation? If so, has it changed me? Do ungodliness and worldly passions control me? If I denied them, by God's grace, what difference would it make in my life?

In light of Titus 2:11-12, how can we pray for one another this week?



1. Grace

Quotes to Ponder

If our understanding of the grace of God fails to teach us "to say 'No" to ungodliness," then we are living in the same condition as the rest of the world.

Bryan Chappell

Grace teaches us who is Lord. Grace empowers us to serve Him as Lord. Daniel L. Akin

For many people, the only inducement to listen to the gospel is seeing its transforming power producing holiness, love, peace, and the other fruit of the Spirit in the lives of believers. John MacArthur

"It teaches us" declares that grace also operates in the lives of the saved. Grounded in God's nature, grace makes ethical demands of Christians consistent with His nature. 'Teachers' pictures grace, practically personified, as instructing the believer in the things 'in accord with sound doctrine.' D. Edmond Hiebert

The most difficult part of the training of young men is not to put the right thing into them, but to get the wrong thing out of them. Charles Spurgeon

We could not take one step in the pursuit of holiness if God in His grace had not first delivered us from the dominion of sin and brought us into union with His risen Son. Salvation is by grace and sanctification is by grace.

We are brought into God's Kingdom by grace; we are sanctified by grace; we receive both temporal and spiritual blessings by grace; we are motivated to obedience by grace; we are called to serve and, finally, we are glorified by grace. The entire Christian life is lived under the reign of God's

> *grace.* Jerry Bridges

2. Repentance

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- 1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
- 2. According to Titus 2:11, what has appeared?
 - When did this happen?

What is a good definition of it?

How is it described?

- Who is it for? What does that mean?
- 3. Which is the greater problem in Christian circles today, legalism or licentiousness? How can we avoid both errors?
- 4. God's grace in salvation is unmerited and we are to live by grace. But blessing in the Christian life is contingent on obedience. How do you reconcile these two?
- 5. What part does grace play in salvation according to *Ephesians 2:8-10*? What is the place of good works and holy living?

6. What do these verses teach about our response to God's grace? 2 Corinthians 1:12 — 2 Timothy 2:1 —

2 Corinthians 4:15 —

7. How does grace still work in our lives after salvation according to 2 *Corinthians 12:7-10*?

8. Who or what, in *Titus 2:12,* instructs us?

9. What does God's grace teach us? How?

- 10. Does living a sensible, righteous, and godly life come automatically after salvation or does it require training by God's grace? Explain.
- 11. How can we grow in living godly lives in this present age?
- 12. What role does our own effort play in sanctification?
- 13. What is the connection between salvation and obedience? Is it possible to receive grace by faith without seeing change in one's life? Explain.
- 14. How did the people listed in *Hebrews 11* show their faith? What must we do to show the genuineness of our faith (*Titus 2:11-12*)?