

Transforming Grace  
Part 1  
Destined for Beauty  
Titus 2:11-14

Introduction:

Where we have been: *A Glorious Vision of God*

Where we are going: *God's Glorious Vision of Us*

I. Why are we so Confident in the Way of Grace?

A. The Story-line of the Gospel of Grace is Complete

*The Gospel as Biblical Theology vs. Systematic Theology - As Story more than a Solution*

The Trinity  
The New Covenant Promise of Christ  
The Incarnation of Christ  
The Life of Christ  
The Death of Christ  
The Resurrection of Christ  
The Ascension of Christ  
The Advocacy of Christ  
The Indwelling Spirit of Christ  
The Marriage of Christ

**The Gospel of Grace** is the breath-taking story of a glorious and happy God setting out to make His grace famous and to spread His joy. To this end, the Father pursued a bride to be the eternal treasure of His Beloved Son. Through this very Son the Father created, redeemed, and is perfectly beautifying a people whom He has loved, adopted, and made new that we might be spotlessly prepared for that appointed wedding day. For eternity, the Son who lived, suffered, died and lived again to possess His bride will magnify His Father's grace as He floods His boundless pleasures upon the ones He loves.

B. The Mission of God's Grace in us is Unstoppable

1. Grace cultivates New Desires & we Long to display His Goodness

**Titus 2:11-14**

2. Grace creates a New Future & we Walk in His Workmanship

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

**Grace** is the fountain of mercy in the heart of God which, in His kindness, moves the Lord powerfully to redeem, remake, and restore the people He loves, without regard for our sin or our former, full-pitched war of rebellion against Him. His grace, without our aid or merit, is poured out in a full and free salvation from the penalty, power, and passions of sin through the all-sufficient and completed work of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who by His Spirit gathers us and secures us as saints and sons of His Father.

## C. The Work of Christ in us is Guaranteed.

*Faithfulness & Obedience grow and endure because:*

1. He Provides **Philippians 4:13**
2. He Lives **Galatians 2:20-21**
3. He Completes **Philippians 1:3-7; Hebrews 12:1-3**

**Growth** is the result of the lifelong activity of God's grace in the life of a Christian which progressively reveals Christ's unstoppable work in us to restore the image of God, display our freedom from sin, and produce the fruit of His Spirit - which are all the joyful possession of all who are reborn in Jesus Christ.

## II. What is the Calling of the Way of Grace?

A. Reject the Way of the Pharisee, that through law and flesh dishonors God and crushes us.

B. Run on the Way of Grace, that through faith, truth, and expanding vision makes us new.

*It is a way that (as we'll consider next Sunday):*

- Orients us toward intimate Relationship with God
- Changes us from the Inside-Out
- Revolutionizes our entire World-view
- Converts our Biography into an Eternal Love Story

### **Titus 2:11-14**

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

### **Ephesians 2:8-10**

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.