

- Paul in the passages leading up to our text, had been exhorting Titus to "teach what accords with sound doctrine."
- The expectation was that the Christians, both young and old, would listen to and live in accord with that sound doctrine.
- The reason for dedicating oneself to sound doctrine was because of the grace of God.

- "The 'grace of God' here spoken of is that divine favor to and love for men upon which the whole work of redemption was based, the object of which redemption was the ultimate restoration of man."- Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers
- To live in opposition to the sound doctrine of God would be to treat that grace with contempt.
- The Hebrew writer verifies this very idea in 10:29

- Speaking in regard to punishment for disobedience to the Law of Moses, he says, "How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?"
- In this text, the grace of God is demonstrated in three things: The Son, The Covenant, & The Spirit.

- Today, I want us to focus our attention on the manifestation of God's grace particularly through Jesus Christ.
- Paul connects the appearing of the grace of God that brings salvation to Jesus not only in Titus 2:11-14 but also in II Tim. 1:8-10.
- John 1:1, 14 also helps us appreciate that Jesus is the personification of God's grace.

- The appearance of God's grace in Christ is highlighted on two occasions. It commenced with his incarnation and it will culminate with his second coming.
 - "But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself....so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him."- Heb. 9:26 and 28.

- How beautiful the appearing of our Savior is!
- On this day and everyday we should praise God for the gift of his Son and our Savior.
- However, what we can't ignore is that just because the grace has appeared offering salvation to all people, doesn't mean that all people will be saved.
- Thus, the exhortation to live godly lives.

- Do you appreciate the grace that has been offered to you?
- Christ came to serve our needs.- Mark 10:45
- · Will you live for him?