

Living By God's Grace

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EXTREME MAKEOVER: PRODUCED BY GRACE TITUS 2:11-14; 3:3-7

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

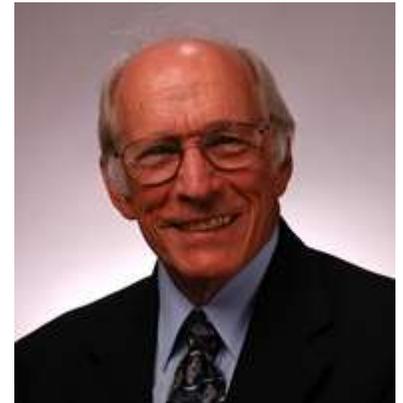
Introduction:

Crete was an Island in the Mediterranean, half way between Rome and Egypt. It was noted as a seaport where "anything goes." In the first century, to be immoral, hateful, and foul-mouthed was to "play the Cretan." To deceive or con someone was to "out Cretan a Crete."

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🕒 EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Titus 2:11-14; 3:3-7 (NASB)

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

³ For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,

⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

⁷ so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

🕒 EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. How would you describe the culture and environment on the Island of Crete where Paul and Titus planted the church? (Titus 1:10-16; 3:3)

2. How does Paul's description of life before/without grace relate to or compare with the world we live in today: With our personal/past life? (Titus 3:3)

3. What is grace all about? How does Paul define or explain grace? (2:11-14)

4. a. What difference does grace make?

b. How does grace impact the life of individuals?

5. How has God's grace impacted your life? (Titus 3:4-7)

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES