



TITUS

Sermon Outline

Key verse

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Titus 2:11-13

1. Trained in Righteousness

2. Redeemed from Lawlessness

3. Purified for His Own Possession

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

Belief drives behavior. Today we're going to look at how the church in Crete was behaving and the driving force behind Paul's directive to Timothy in teaching them how now to live. In doing so, we will be evaluating what is cultivating and driving our own behaviors.

Ice breaker

- Describe the warning label that best fits your personality.
- What is a bizarre talent that you have that's almost useless but still impressive?
- If you were suddenly arrested with no explanation, what would your friends and family assume you did?

Dig Deeper

- Thinking about the statement "belief drives behavior"...Is this statement correct? Are there flaws in this kind of thinking?
- As followers of Jesus what are some traps that drives our behavior away from Christ?
- Read Romans 8:5-8. Explain how this scripture supports this teaching that belief drives behavior.
- Our spirits are being formed in one aspect or another, either by the world or by God's spirit. How might recognizing that we are being trained through the Gospel help us to take seriously our time with our Jesus our trainer?
- Titus 2:14 tells us that we have been redeemed from all lawlessness, define what it means to be redeemed and share how that impacts you on a personal level.

Closing

Belief drives behavior. When we recognize what all God has done for us in the free gift of salvation, our behavior will show the fruit of the Spirit working in us. We can't stop there, Paul encourages Titus and us, to declare these things, exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let us not be silent about the goodness of God to us, in us and through us!