

# CHANGED

Titus 2:11-14

**Big Idea: To be saved by grace is to be changed by God.**

- Salvation from sin comes by the **GRACE** of God that appeared in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 1:8)
- **Our behavior matters so much because the grace of God that saves us also CHANGES us.**
  - No one is saved because he is sanctified, but everyone who is saved is undergoing sanctification.
  - The grace by which we are saved is a grace that “teaches us.”
  - To look like Christ, we must learn from Christ.

## **1.) The grace of God changes our PERSPECTIVE (v. 12a).**

- The grace of God works in us to produce in us a new, Christ-exalting, gospel-centered perspective.
- This perspective acknowledges that absolute moral authority resides entirely in God.
- To claim redemption in Christ and yet demand validation of worldly passions is an untenable contradiction (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
- The Word of God, not the tides of culture, teaches us what is right and wrong.

## **2.) The grace of God changes our PRACTICES (v. 12b).**

- God’s grace gives us power to live godly lives in an ungodly world.
- A life characterized by godly practices comes to us only by the grace of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

## **3.) The grace of God changes our PASSIONS (v. 13-14).**

- The saving grace of God teaches us that there is nothing in the uni-verse more desirable than Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:21, 3:10-11, Psalm 73:25-28).

- One sign of true transformation in Christ is zeal for good works.
- God is most glorified in us when we are most **PASSIONATE** about the right things (Psalm 37:4).
- The grace that brings salvation teaches us to be passionate about Jesus Christ and zealous to do good works that exalt His name.