

GRACE: More than Amazing

Forming Grace - Titus 2:11-15

“Sin is our refusal to be what we were created to be — sons of God, images of God.”
 - Thomas Merton

It is very important that we rehearse the topic of _____ (children of God), because when we talk about GRACE forming us, maturing us, and sanctifying us, we need to know that this work is aimed at our _____, otherwise it's just a short-term behavior modification.

The Problem:

- The Cretan house churches had _____ leaders who were motivated by money and were adding to the gospel that people had to observe the law and be circumcised.
- God's word was being maligned (2:5), people were making evil accusations (2:8), and God's message was not attractive (2:10).

The Answer:

- Identify, teach, equip, empower and **appoint** new, godly leaders. (1:5-9)
- Be shaped and formed by the grace of God. (2:11-15).

Scriptures for OT Israel	OT Israel	Scriptures for NT Christian	NT Christian
Genesis 1:26-28, 12:1-7, 15:7-19, 13:14-17; Exodus 1:6, 2:23-24, 3:10	Israel delivered from Egypt.	Romans 3-8; Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 2:11-15, 3:3-8; Colossians 1:13, 18-20, 2:13-15	Christians delivered from the power of sin.
Numbers 11:5, 13:27-33; Exodus 23:30	Israel delivered from Egyptian thinking.	Romans 12:1-2, 6:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:1, 5:23; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 3:18; John 17:17, Colossians 1:22, 2:23-23, 3:1; Ephesians 5:27	Christians transformed and sanctified by the renewing of the heart and mind.
Joshua 1:1, 1:10, 1:15, 2:24, 3:3-4	Israel enters and occupies the promises of God.	Ephesians 1:20-21, 2:10, 3:10; John 15:16-17; Titus 2:14, 3:14; Colossians 3:12-17, 4:17	Christians are fulfilling their purpose and calling.

Suggested Application:

- Give your life to Jesus Christ.
- Get in a relationship with another through a Gateway Group, volunteer team, or somewhere else and be intentional about your partnership with the grace of God at work in your life.