

**Is It Guilt Or Grace?
Titus 2:11-15**

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1. What motivates you to serve and worship God? More specifically, for what reason did you come to worship today? What motivates you to pray, sing, study, teach, give, or whatever you do for the Lord?
2. God never intended for us to worship and serve Him in order to avoid guilty feelings.
3. Guilt has a purpose in our lives. Guilt should be like a warning light that something is wrong.
4. Today as we look into **vv.11-15**, I want to ask and answer the question, “What does God’s grace mean to us?”

I. We Are Blessed By God’s Grace. “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.” Titus 2:11

- A. Everything that is mine is a result of God’s grace.
 1. **James 1:17**
- B. God’s grace also brings salvation.
 1. **Romans 6:23**
- C. God’s grace has appeared to all men.
 1. **1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9**

II. We Are Taught By God’s Grace. “It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passion,” Titus 2:12

- A. This verse begins with the phrase “**It teaches usB**”
- B. God’s grace teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly passions.
- C. God’s grace teaches us to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives.
- D. God’s grace teaches us to focus on the here and now.

III. We Are Assured By God’s Grace. “While we wait for the blessed hope + the glorious appearing of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,” Titus 2:13

- A. God’s grace causes us to be watchful.
- B. God’s grace gives us a blessed hope.
 1. **1 John 3:2-3**

IV. We Are Involved By God’s Grace. “Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own,” Titus 2:14.

- A. Paul mentions three reasons Christ gave Himself.
- B. Paul gives three commands that we are to “speak,” “exhort” and “rebuke.” (v. 15)