

Titus (Week 30)

Tit 2:11-15

Deny **Ungodliness** and **worldly** desires:

- It's simply the opposite of anything of God. It means being of the world.
- James puts this in strong language terms *Jas 4:4*
- It's anything that **distracts** you from your purpose, or living in your spiritual gift. *2Ti 2:4*
- It's often referred to as "idols", or something that takes the place of God. It can be a person, a thing, or a concept. *Mat 6:24, 1Ti 6:1-10*
- We were all **ungodly** before being saved and becoming members of the body of Christ. *Rom 5:6-8*
- What is an ungodly person? *Rom 1:18, Jud 1:3-4, 2Ti 2:16*

To live **Sensibly**

- This is the Greek word: **sōphrōn**: meaning safe, (sound) in mind, self controlled (moderate as to opinion or passion): - discreet, **sober**, temperate, prudent or sensible.
- It means "of **sober mind**", or being able to **think** correctly or clearly.
- This is part of being an example. Sensible living gives benefits that show.

To live **Righteously and Godly** in the present age.

- Godliness, which is learning and living the spiritual life God has called us to live. The believer's conduct is a large part that reflects and supports the truth. *Joh 3:21*

"The blessed hope"

Tit 2:13, Php 3:16-21

So, as we live sensibly, righteously, Godly... we are to **look for**, or **eagerly await**, our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

2Ti 4:5-8, 2Co 5:9-10

What does "**hope**" mean?

In our everyday English, hope usually means uncertainty. "I hope so...", or "I hope that happens...". Maybe it will, maybe it won't.

Greek word: **elpis** (el-pece')

It means (to anticipate, usually with pleasure); expectation (abstract or **concrete**) or **confidence**: It's a Confident Expectation, with Pleasure.

1Ti 1:1, Col 1:25-29, Rom 15:8-13

Tit 2:14

To Redeem us:

What does **redeem** really mean?

In the Greek: **Lutroō** (loo-tro'-o)

It means to **release** by **paying a ransom**, or **buy-back**, to redeem:
it implies **paying a price**, to **release captives**.

It is a **spiritual liberation**, where **believers** are **freed** from the penalty and power of sin (the old slave-master) and brought into the body of Christ, into His kingdom:

Rom 6:18, Col 1:13, Gal 3:10-14, Mar 10:42-45, Eph 1:7, 1Pe 1:18-19

People for His own possession:

Jud 1:1-4, Joh 17:6

And finally, **zealous for good deeds:**

Eph 2:10, Php 2:13, Heb 13:20-21

Summary of Chapter 2

So., Paul's summary of what he has taught Titus, and how the church is to establish, grow and serve is for a reason and purpose.

- By God's grace we are **saved** →
- For us to **deny ungodliness and worldly desires** (the world system) →
- To **live sensibly, Godly and righteous** right now →
- All the while, **looking for** and **eagerly awaiting** our Savior, the reason to be Godly. →
- Who **redeemed** us by faith, again by the grace of God, as a gift. →
- So that we can be a **pure** people of His own possession, **to do His will and work** that He predestined and prepared us to do.