

Titus (Week 31)

Continuing on it Paul's summary of chapter 2: *Tit 2:11-15*

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

We saw what this means

- It's simply the opposite of anything of God. It means being of the world.
- We saw James' strongly worded opinion: *Jas 4:4*
- **Ungodliness** is anything that **distracts** you from your purpose, or living in your spiritual gift. Paul equates this to a soldier in active duty: *2Ti 2:4*
- Worldly desires are often referred to as "idols", or anything that takes the place of God in your motivation. It can be a person, a thing, or a concept. *Mat 6:24, 1Ti 6:1-10*
- We saw that we were all **ungodly** before being saved and becoming members of the body of Christ. *Rom 5:6-8*
- As believers, we still have the potential to live according to the world. In other words, we can still live as **unbelievers**, as **unrighteous**, **ungodly**, according to when we were **of the flesh**. Simply by NOT denying ungodliness and worldly desires. *Eph 5:1-11*

To live **Sensibly**

- 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 publically.
- This word "Sensible" from *sōphrōn* is only used in the book of Titus. Paul may have chosen this word because of the worldly behavior of the Cretan people and their corrupt legacy.

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

- Godliness, a large part that reflects and supports the truth, is in essence, being **imitators of God**, as beloved, adopted children (*Eph 5:1-11*). *Joh 3:21*

Tit 2:13, Php 3:16-21

This is another passage Paul exhorts believers **not to** act as unbelievers, but to **keep living by that same standard to which we have attained**.

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*

We saw what "**hope**" really means. Greek word: **elpis** [el-pece']

It means a "Confident Expectation of something to look forward to, with pleasure." Since this hope is based on the promises of God, it is a **concrete expectation**.

1Ti 1:1 Rom 15:12-13

Tit 2:14 To Redeem us from every lawless deed:

"Redeem" In the Greek: **lutroō** (loo-tro'-o)

It means to **release** by **paying a ransom**, or to **buy-back**: it implies **paying a price**, to **release captives**. It is a **spiritual liberation**, where **believers** are **freed** from the penalty and power of sin, brought into the **body of Christ**, into His **kingdom**. *Rom 6:18, Col 1:13, Gal 3:10-14*

What's the Ransom that was paid? *Mar 10:42-45, Eph 1:7, 1Pe 1:18-19*

A people for His own possession: Tit 2:14

Jud 1:1-4, Joh 17:6, 17, 20, Joh 10:26-29, Gal 3:28-29

The prerequisite for belonging to Christ is purity, accomplished through redemption, His blood. *Heb 9:22, 1Jn 1:7, 1Jn 3:2-3*

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

- We were created for this purpose: *Eph 2:10*
- It is His work that He prepared in you: *Php 2:13*
- He equipped us for this: *Heb 13:20-21*
- His will and work is always **geared towards others**. *Php 2:3-5, 1Jn 3:16-18*

Summary of Chapter 2

- By God's grace we are **saved**. →
- For us to **deny ungodliness and worldly desires** →
- 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, from every lawless deed →
- So we can be a **pure** people of His own possession, not living for self, but to be zealous for good deeds... **to do His will and work** that He predestined and prepared us to do.

Tit 2:15 With all authority:

Spiritual leaders are to speak with authority. As **representatives, and imitators** of Christ. Because they have been given authority by God.

They are to be:

- Grounded in the truth (you have to know what you're talking about)
- Speak and teach
- Exhort and motivate
- Correct and reprove when needed.

Just as Jesus Himself did: *Mat 7:28-29, Luk 4:31-32*

This authority is from the Lord: *1Th 4:1-2*

Finally, this authority is to guide and guard the souls of those in the charge of the spiritual leader. *Heb 13:17*