

## The Marvelous Grace Of God

Titus 2:11-13 says, *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; ..."* God loved the whole world, and God's grace is for all men.

The gospel makes a change in people because God's grace means that we deny ungodliness and lust. Paul wrote, *"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God"* (2 Corinthians 7:1). We can cleanse ourselves by being sober. This means acting seriously, realizing that we will stand before God before entering the next world. We also live righteously, meaning that we live as we should toward other men (Matthew 7:12). When we live godly it means that we live by His will (1 Peter 2:23-24).

When we do live in this way, we have a hope of seeing the glorious Lord. When Jesus ascended to heaven, the angels said, *"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven"* (Acts 1:11). People should want to look for *"new heavens and a new earth"* (2 Peter 3:13). After Jesus gave signs of the destruction of Jerusalem in Matthew 24, when it came time for discussing the end of the world, He said no signs would be given. The only alternative we have is to be prepared. If you would like to learn how you can be prepared, please contact us.

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