

Growing in Godliness (Titus 2:11-15)
Right Teaching in the Church

“Grace is the love of God shown to the unlovely, the peace of God given to the restless, the unmerited favor of God. Grace is free sovereign favor to the ill-deserving. Grace is unconditional love toward a person who does not deserve it.” - Justin Holcomb

Paul and Titus:

Spiritual Father and Spiritual Son

The Law & The Gospel:

The Journey of Sanctification:

What is the focus of your attention?



Personal Study Notes

Titus 2:11-15

. . . who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

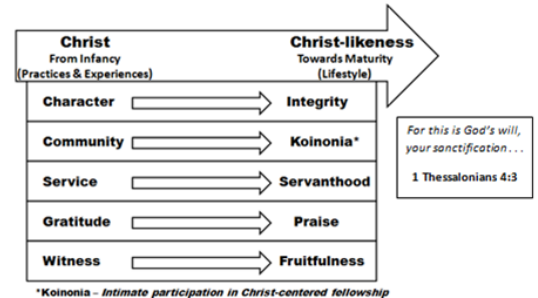
Titus 2:14

The Theological Basis for Christian Behavior (2:11-15)

As you read through Titus 2:11-15, what connections do you see with our Discipleship Continuum?

Discipleship Continuum

As Followers of Christ We Journey from:



Summary.

The highest and purest motivation for Christian behavior is not based on what we can do for God but rather upon what God has done for us and yet will do. The false teachers on Crete assumed that their religious works earned them God's favor. But Paul taught that only as we grasp the full theological significance of God's grace can we eagerly do what is pleasing to him. Paul also reminded believers that they are *waiting* with *hope* and that as they attempt through God's grace "to do what is good," Jesus Christ will ultimately bring forth his rule of righteousness at his second coming.

** Thomas D. Lea and Hayne P. Griffin, *New American Commentary – Volume 34: 1, 2 Timothy, Titus*, (Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1992), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, 315.

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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