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¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.¹²It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who 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. ¹⁵These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.
(Titus 2:11-15)

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. The appearance of grace in vs. 11 refers to the arrival of Jesus, God in the flesh. Pastor Simon told us that the Word "appeared" was often used in reference to a sunrise. Discuss all the ways this metaphor describes Jesus' coming to this world?
2. Vs.11 also declares that this grace which brings salvation is for all people. Discuss why this was so precious then and today. How does this challenge any preconceptions that we may have that some people are just "too difficult" to reach?
3. Vs. 12 tells us that God's grace teaches us to increasingly say no to ungodliness and say yes more and more to self-control and godliness. How can looking at our own performance or the performance of other Christians, sabotage our spiritual growth and discourage us? Where should our focus be for our hope?
4. God's grace was certainly shown on the cross and at the point of our salvation, but how is God's grace continually shown throughout our lives as we strive to walk closely with Him?
5. Vs. 13 tells us that "our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ" will come again in full glory - not veiled by the flesh as in His first coming, but in His risen power. Why do you think some people doubt the second coming? How can we be sure He is coming again?
6. In vs. 15 we are told to keep teaching God's grace and His glory. How can we in our daily lives show grace with those we interact with, as God is gracious with us? How does our perspective change as we anticipate His coming glory?