

Trained by the Gospel

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[0 : 00] Good morning, brothers and sisters. It's great to be here this morning and to share God's word with everyone.

This weekend, who went to hear the RZIM talks? Wow, very well. Great. We also had a Chinese speaker with us.

And this year was very special because we had a Mandarin-speaking speaker from RZIM speak at the community center on Friday. I think this is the first time they've had the Mandarin event.

The messages were great and could especially encourage those of us who may have been believers for a long time.

It helped us to think more deeply. Because we've already crossed the open-room. We've already forgotten the open-room. We've already forgotten the open-room. We've already forgotten the open-room. Sometimes after we've become Christians, it's difficult for us to remember what life was like before we accepted Christ.

[1 : 22] Today, we're going to return to our 2nd verse of the 11-15. Now today, we're looking at Titus chapter 2, verses 11 to 15.

We're going to return to the beginning of the Bible. And this brings us back to where the gospel begins. In the 30 verses that preceded this passage, we've learned a lot about different types of people and roles in the church and the ways in which they serve.

So we've also learned a lot about different types of people and roles in the church and the ways in which they serve. And so in our church, there's been a lot of change as well. Our elders, they need to be hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.

Our elders, they need to be hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, self-centered.

Sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanders or slaves to much wine.

[3 : 01] They are to teach what is good and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind and submissive to their husbands. We're also very careful.

And likewise, the younger men in the church are to be self-controlled. How do you feel when you hear that this is how the people in our church are to be?

Now maybe if you're here for the first time, you think, wow, this is great, this is the place to be. This is the place to be.

What a perfect church. But for brothers and sisters who've been in the church for a while, we know that we're moving in this direction, but we're still in the process.

Do you have a lot of questions when you read this passage? In the book, I found there are a few questions that are more difficult to understand.

[4 : 16] For me, as I read the passage, there are some questions that I find more difficult to understand. In verse 11, it says, For the grace of God has appeared, bring salvation for all people.

In English, it says that salvation is being brought to everyone. But actually, we know that the people in the church are not able to be in the church.

But haven't we also heard that not every single person goes to heaven? How do you understand this passage? So how do you understand? And we know that in the 30 verses preceding, it talks a lot about behavior.

But we know that our salvation is not by our works, but by God's grace.

So what does all this mean to us? Today, we need to think about another thing. And another thing we want to think about and understand today is how do we be trained by the gospel?

[5 : 46] Now, let's first discuss, is this salvation for every single person? Is everyone going to be saved?

In the gospel of Matthew, Our Lord Jesus said, Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, We'll enter the kingdom of heaven.

But the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day, Many will say to me, Lord, Lord, Did we not prophesy in your name?

And cast out demons in your name? And do mighty, Many mighty works in your name? That's when I was to tell them. And then will I declare to them, I never knew you.

Depart from me, You workers of lawlessness. In this case, We see that we were to that time, God was to judge us by our works.

[7 : 12] And it seems as though God will judge us by our works. These are all the challenges for us. So this is really a challenge for us, Theologically.

The question is, Is salvation for every single person? Will everybody be saved? This just

Let me share an example. Maybe it's lunch time soon and people will be hungry. Now, I love roasted lamb.

Now, let's say, I had an oven here,

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[8 : 57] ? , salvation is like this too.

Unless God changes us, and changes our hearts, and what we long for, we're not going to go touch that salvation, it has to start with the transformation of our hearts

And so here in verse 11,

It says, For the grace of God has appeared,

The word has appeared, it's like there was a darkness, But light has now appeared in the darkness,

And when the light shines here in this darkness, Can everyone see

it? Actually, at the end of the quarter of this school, There are some people who cannot see it.

And I hope this helps to explain, Why the grace of God can appear for all people, But not everyone is saved

Moving on in this passage,

This gives us a why that we should do something.

[11 : 43] In the 30 verses before this

passage, But here in the passage we're looking at today, It tells us why we should behave in these ways.

It brings us to where the gospel

begins. 11 In verse 11, It says that the grace of God has appeared, brings salvation for all people.

This light, for thousands of years, people were waiting for it, waiting on it.

From Adam and Eve, when they sinned in the garden of

Eden, mankind has been waiting.

lasts

It is the core of our gospel. And that's the core of our gospel. The gospel is Christ being born suffering dying being raised from the dead and ascending into heaven.

Jeremiah chapter 10 verse 24 for example is translated as correct me oh lord but in justice not in your anger lest you bring me to nothing

[29 : 06] It says now the works of the flesh are evident Including sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idochry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, Envy, drunkenness, orgies and things like these I warn you as I warned you before That those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God And this list is just examples of worldly passions

And so verse 12 tells us that As we're being trained We need to say no to certain things such as these things yes At the same time we need to say yes to certain things other things To live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age self-control speaks about our controlling ourselves It's easy to say self-controlled But we all know how hard it is to actually be self-controlled We all struggle with this Pokemon For example, we may be addicted to Pokemon

For me, I'm addicted to gardening I mean, internet gardening You know, you water the little plants and they grow My wife feels very bitterly about this So in this case, I think it's very wasteful of our time And so sometimes I struggle with this You And I pray about this And I pray about this But often I find I'm not self-controlled And I still go and what are my plans

But one day you know, God's grace applied itself to me And I had a change and suddenly I wasn't doing this anymore I didn't go in and what are these plants anymore Now, actually, you know, it's not just watering these plants It's also going and like conquering these different kingdoms And going to battle on the internet So just for clarification, this is not a girly game This is a manly game But anyways, all to say that it is very difficult to be self-controlled But by God's help, we grow in being self-controlled But the way that we are self-controlled is by God's grace

I can think of an example of God's grace Martin Luther said Before God, we're all beggars Sometimes when we before, when we're unbelievers We think, oh God, He owes us so much And He's unfair And we fixate on what we don't have But we forget how much God has given

us. And what He has given us so freely, Grace, it's a gift! It's an undeserved gift. [34 : 35] We're like a thief on the cross. We're like that thief on the cross. God's grace is that He gave His son for us. And He used His most precious, His holiest son to exchange for the life of that thief on the cross. When I think would I give up my precious child

To save the life of an evil man that sentence to death. But God had His only beloved son to die for unworthy people like us. If you're in the finance industry, you would think this is not a good trade. You would not complete that transaction. But would you receive that gift? When you receive the Lord Jesus into your heart, you receive all the treasures of heaven. But as we receive God's grace, we're also receiving training. Actually these three adjectives can be summarized in the greatest commandment given to us in the Bible. To be self-controlled, that's with regards to ourselves. To be upright, talks about how we relate to others. And godliness speaks of our interaction with God.

And the greatest commandment in the Bible is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

And we can spend time to reflect on this. How do we live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age? Well, we can go back to the thirty verses that are proceeding. For example, to be hospitable. You can invite your neighbors to come over to your house. But we might think, Oh, but my apartment is too small. Maybe one day when I have a big house, then I can be hospitable. But that's a lie. Because often when you spend so much time trying to make money to get a big house, you don't have time to enjoy that house. There's so many big villas in this world that are empty. Except for the maid and the nanny, so we're not in the house. Let's focus not on what we don't have, but on what we have, and to give thanks to God for what we have.

[39 : 17] And to use all we have to love those around us. If your dining table only fits two more people, then just invite two others.

If you do that ten times, you've had twenty people over. If you do that a hundred times, that's two hundred people. One hundred times, that's the whole people. And when you're done, everybody in this church is your friend. Often we train ourselves from the small things.

Sometimes we just have our time, or our money, or our small family. To give this all to God. To give this all to God. To give this all to God. But we can offer all of this to the Lord, to be used by Him. And this is training ourselves to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly.

[40 : 32] I think that I've seen a lot of years. I've seen a movie called The Princess Diaries. Several years ago, I watched a movie called The Princess Diaries. And it's amazing how the person at the beginning, the person at the beginning of the film, how can that be the same person as the person at the end of the film?

The person in the beginning doesn't look and act like royalty at all. But then she becomes someone who really appears the part.

When she was told who she was, and she understood that she was royalty. She went through much training to become someone who acted accordingly. Actually, we're even farther from who we should be than she was.

We start out like that thief on the cross, deserving of death. But now we're called children of God.
[42 : 00] That's a very high position. We need to be trained to look like people who are sons and daughters of God.

And here we are. That's the reason why we're being trained to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly. We need to be trained to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly. People who are changed by the gospel.

People who are changed by the gospel. Just like the Lord Jesus Christ who is not good to die, and who is not good to die. We need to learn from our Lord Jesus Christ who gave himself for unworthy sinners to save us.

We need to be trained to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly. And so that's the message I have to share with everyone today.

Let's pray. Thank you, Precious Father. Thank you for your grace. Thank you for giving us the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for giving us the Lord Jesus Christ.

[43 : 15] Thank you for giving us the Lord Jesus Christ for unworthy people such as we are. Lord, would you continue to work in our hearts and change us from the inside out.

Let us be trained to be your true children. Train us so that we can really be and act as your sons and daughters. Our hearts and hearts and hearts and hearts and hearts and hearts and hearts. Lord, help us to live lives in this present age that are self-controlled, upright, and godly. It's in the Lord Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen. Lord, amen.

And that we hast a word. Amen. Now, you gotta know that then, Lord your God. Lord your we virs will be known as our sono and of those of you. Amen. Remember you? For absolutely. Amen.

Thanks, Lord your name and have That. Lord the Father, alright, amen.

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