

2026: LIVING IN GOD'S GRACE

Sunday, January 11, 2026 — Pastor Andrew Coleman

TITUS 2:11-15

English Standard Version (ESV)

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CONTEXT:

The Apostle Paul leaves Titus in Crete to straighten out several _____ churches. 1:5

The churches had problems with doctrine, ungodly leadership and _____.

Titus is to appoint _____ leaders who will establish sound doctrine and holy living.

MAIN THEME:

God's saving grace does not merely forgive us—it _____ for life in the present age.

The same grace that saves us also _____ us to live godly lives while we wait for glory.

1. Grace has appeared — giving us a totally _____.

vs 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people...

Salvation is available to _____.

(vs 1-10 — old men, young men, old women, young women, free or slaves)

Salvation comes through _____.

Crete was a mess! There was a great deal of immorality and ungodliness.

Paul doesn't begin the call to reform law, culture war or shame.

Paul begins with GRACE REVEALED!

For 2026:

SHERIDAN HILLS — We do not trust in _____ schemes but Christ's finished work at Calvary.

YOUR FAMILY — Godliness at home begins with _____ received, not pressure imposed.

YOU — You do not outgrow grace— you _____.

KEY PRINCIPLE:

Grace is **not** the reward of godliness, instead, it is the _____.

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2. Grace Trains Us — Our _____.

vs 12 ...*training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.*

training = child rearing, disciplined development or formation

Grace is **not** passive but _____! It educates, disciplines, shapes our habits.

Notice the _____ - _____ nature of grace:

_____:	renounce ungodliness and worldly passions	(Don't!)
_____:	live self-controlled, upright, godly lives	(Do!)

For TITUS:

The false teachers promoted _____ talk and _____ living.
 Sound doctrine must produce _____ living.

FOR 2026:

SHERIDAN HILLS — We form a _____ that is unlike the world.

YOUR FAMILY — Our homes are _____, not performance stages.

YOU — Spiritual growth is _____ and _____ obedience, not robotic response.

KEY PRINCIPLE:

Grace doesn't _____ God's standard— it _____ obedience.

ROMANS 6:1

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

*8 For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should _____ in them.*

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3. Grace Reorients Our Hope — Our_____.

vs 13 ...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”

- For a true Christian, the way we live is deeply affected by our _____ in Christ.
- The second ‘*appearing*’ _____ faithfulness for everyone between Christ’s first appearing in Bethlehem and his second appearing as he comes with the clouds (Rev. 1:7; Matt 26:64; Zech 12:10)
- Our hope is **not** in _____ but in Christ_____!

For TITUS:

Cretan culture (like ours) lives for the _____.
 Paul calls them to anchor their hope in _____ hope.
 Notice that Paul identifies Jesus as ‘*our great God and Savior Jesus Christ*’.

For 2026:

SHERIDAN HILLS — We encourage one another to _____ our blessed hope.

YOUR FAMILY — We train our marriages and parenting on our _____.

YOU — Your deepest pains and fears can be calmed by fixing your eyes on the_____.

KEY PRINCIPLE:

We live godly lives **not** to _____ the future—but because the future is_____.

4. Grace Redeems an Entire People (God’s People) — Our Identity_____.

vs 14 “...who ***gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.***”

NOTICE! The great hope of our life in 2026 goes back to the power and beauty of
 of _____ to redeem us and purify us... so that we may live for Him.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) When you think about 2026 what is your greatest_____?
- 2) When you think about 2026 what is your greatest_____?
- 3) How does the reality of the _____ and all that it represents affect these?