

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 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 circumstances \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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?