

# WORSHIP GUIDE — SUNDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> — 10:15AM

## *Titus: Grace for Godliness*

**Welcome and Call to Worship** [Pastor Joel]

**Call to Worship:** Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father,  
From before the world began;  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice:  
Let the skies declare Your glory,  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

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You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

**Pastoral Prayer:** [Pastor Steve]

- Today begins the start of preaching through the book of Titus: Grace for Godliness. comments on general things about Titus. (3 chapters, pastoral epistle, encouragement to saturate yourself in this epistle over the next months). John Shay will be reading this letter in our service here in a bit.
- Prayer for this our study in the Epistle of Titus to have its sanctifying work in our hearts.

**PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE**

**Congregational Song:** God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,  
On your people pour Thy pow'r;  
Crown Thine ancient Church's story,  
Bring her bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us  
Free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces  
In the fight to set men free  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,

That we fail not man or Thee.  
That we fail not man or Thee.

**Congregational Song:** Grace Alone

Every promise we can make  
Every prayer and step of faith  
Every difference we can make  
Is only by His grace  
Every mountain we will climb  
Every ray of hope we shine  
Every blessing left behind  
Is only by His grace

*Grace alone which God supplies  
Strength unknown He will provide  
Christ in us our cornerstone  
We will go forth in grace alone*

Every soul we long to reach  
Every heart we hope to teach  
Everywhere we share His peace  
Is only by His grace  
Every loving word we say  
Every tear we wipe away  
Every sorrow turned to praise  
Is only by His grace

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**OUR NEED OF GRACE FOR GODLINESS**

**Reading of Scripture: The Pastoral Epistle to Titus** [John Shay]

**1** Paul, a servant<sup>[a]</sup> of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, <sup>2</sup> in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>3</sup> and at the proper time manifested in his word<sup>[c]</sup> through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

<sup>4</sup> To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

## Qualifications for Elders

<sup>5</sup>This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—<sup>6</sup>if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife,<sup>[d]</sup> and his children are believers<sup>[e]</sup> and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. <sup>7</sup>For an overseer,<sup>[f]</sup> as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, <sup>8</sup>but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup>He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound<sup>[g]</sup> doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. <sup>10</sup>For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>11</sup>They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. <sup>12</sup>One of the Cretans,<sup>[i]</sup> a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."<sup>[j]</sup> <sup>13</sup>This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, <sup>14</sup>not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. <sup>15</sup>To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. <sup>16</sup>They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

## Teach Sound Doctrine

**2** But as for you, teach what accords with sound<sup>[a]</sup> doctrine. <sup>2</sup>Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. <sup>3</sup>Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, <sup>4</sup>and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup>to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. <sup>6</sup>Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. <sup>7</sup>Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, <sup>8</sup>and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. <sup>9</sup>Bondservants<sup>[b]</sup> are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, <sup>10</sup>not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

## Be Ready for Every Good Work

**3** Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup>to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. <sup>3</sup>For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led

astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup>The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. <sup>9</sup>But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. <sup>10</sup>As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, <sup>11</sup>knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

### **Final Instructions and Greetings**

<sup>12</sup>When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. <sup>13</sup>Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. <sup>14</sup>And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

<sup>15</sup>All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

### **Congregational Song: Benediction**

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within His love.

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal, the King of Kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of His communion,  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal, the King of Kings.*

Children 3-K5 dismissed to Junior Church

**MESSAGE:** Titus: Grace for Godliness (1:1-4) [Pastor Steve]

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**Closing Song:** More and More Like You

Lord, change my heart from deep within  
Oh purify me once again  
Renew my mind to love your truth  
Make me more and more like You

*More and more like You  
More and more like You  
Do whatever you must do  
To make me more and more like You*

Lord, cause my will to choose Your ways  
In each temptation that I face  
Until your glory's shining through  
Make me more and more like You

*More and more like You  
More and more like You  
Do whatever you must do  
To make me more and more like You*

Lord, now I rest in Your great love  
Secure in Your own righteousness  
Because Your Spirits work of grace  
Makes me more and more like you

*More and more like You  
More and more like You  
Do whatever you must do*

**Announcements:** [Pastor Bernie]

- Final day of Give for Growth matching fund:
- Marriage Retreat – June 10-12

- SFCS this week - Spring Program Tuesday at 6:30; Kindergarten Graduation Wednesday at 10:00am; Commencement Friday at 6:30pm.
- Wednesday Night May 18<sup>th</sup> – AWANA Awards Ceremony
- Summer Wednesday Night In-Home Fellowships (For May 25-June 29) – Sheet is available to sign up for which home you will attend.
- Tonight, at 6:00pm - Baccalaureate for all FBC Graduates

**Closing Prayer** [Pastor Bernie]