

# WORSHIP GUIDE – Sunday AM, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 10:15am

## *Grace to You*

**Welcome:** [Pastor Steve]

Overview of the service today:

- Deacon Care Groups today
- Testimonies of salvation for church membership
- Focus today will be on Titus 2:14, the last verse of the paragraph we studied 2 weeks ago as we saw how God's grace is at work in us.

Testimonies of salvation and vote for church membership:

- Jon Brower
- Marylin Brower

Worship focus for the service today:

- We return to Titus 2:11-14 and finish out this central and significant portion of Paul's epistle to Titus. 2 weeks ago, we considered verses 11-13 and saw how God's Grace is at work in saving us, sanctifying us and is the source of our future hope. We come then to Verse 14 and see how God's grace is displayed through his Sacrifice, through Redemption and through Purification. This purification produces a zeal for good works.
  - *"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.*
- We'll consider the **Redeeming Grace** of Jesus & the **Purifying Grace** of Jesus

## **JESUS' GRACE REDEEMS**

**Congregational Song:** I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross he suffered,  
from the curse to set me free.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.*

I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
His triumphant power I'll tell,  
How the victory he giveth  
Over sin and death and hell.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
On the cross he sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt, and made me free.*

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And his heavenly love for me;  
He from death to life has brought me,  
Son of God, with him to be.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.*

**Scripture on Our God of Redemption – Psalm 130**

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!  
2 O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
4 But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.  
5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
6 my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
8 And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.*

**Congregational Song: There is a Fountain**

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains,  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in His day;  
And there have I, though vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away:  
Washed all my sins away,  
Washed all my sins away;  
And there have I, though vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die,  
And shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

When this poor, lisping, stamm'ring tongue  
Lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

## **JESUS' GRACE PURIFIES**

### **Scriptures on God's grace and the believers' zeal for good works [Pastor Bernie]**

Our text (Titus 2:14) reminds us that the purifying work of Jesus, through Redemption, should produce in us a zeal for Good works. Let's consider what the Scriptures say about God's grace and the believer's zeal for good works.

As God's workmanship, we are created anew in Jesus for good works.

- Ephesians 2:10 <sup>10</sup> *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

As a witness to the gospel, beautiful and honorable conduct before unbelievers is a significant way we shine the light of the truth.

- Matthew 5:16 - *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*
- 1 Peter 2:12 - <sup>12</sup> *Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

Consider how the book of Titus portrays a zeal for goodness and good works that result from transformed life.

- Loving what is good & virtuous is character qualification for elders (1:8) – <sup>8</sup> *but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.*
- False teachers, by their character, are unfit for good works – (1:16) – <sup>16</sup> *They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.*
- Older women ought to teach what is good (2:3) – <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,*
- Titus was to be a living pattern of good works to in the church – (2:7) – <sup>7</sup> *Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,*
- Believers should be zealous for good works (2:14) – <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.*
- Good works should be the fruit that is born from sound doctrine – (3:8) – <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.*
- The letter concludes with a last call for a devotion to Good works (3:14) – <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.*

### **Congregational Song:** Almost Home

Don't drop a single anchor, we're almost home  
Through every toil and danger, we're almost home  
How many pilgrim saints have before us gone?  
No stopping now, we're almost home

The promised land is callin', we're almost home  
And not a tear shall fall then, we're almost home  
Make ready now your souls for that Kingdom come  
No turning back, we're almost home

*Almost home, we're almost home  
So press on toward that blessed shore  
Oh, praise the Lord, we're almost home*

This journey ours together, we're almost home  
Unto that great forever, we're almost home

What song anew we'll sing 'round that happy throne  
Come faint of heart, we're almost home

*Almost home, we're almost home  
So press on toward that blessed shore  
Oh, praise the Lord, we're almost home*

This life is just a vapor, we're almost home  
That sun is settin' yonder, we're almost home  
Take courage, for this darkness shall break to dawn  
Oh, lift your eyes, we're almost home

*Almost home, we're almost home  
So press on toward that blessed shore  
Oh, praise the Lord, we're almost home*

### **Children 3yr-K5 Dismissed to Junior Church**

**Message:** Titus 2:14 [Pastor Steve]

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**Congregational song of response thanking God for His redeeming work** - How deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart

**Announcements** [Pastor Steve]

- Deacon Care Groups today

- Circle of Hope Fall Event – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>
- SFCS Auction - October 1<sup>st</sup>