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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

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WELCOME!

We invite you to all of our services.

“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)

GOD'S GRACE

INTRODUCTION: Titus 2:11-15

1. The Letter to Titus (many similarities to 1 Timothy).
2. The Message to Christians –generally addresses: Things needed in the church (Ch. 1); in the home (Ch. 2); in society (Ch. 3).
3. “Grace”: many shades of meaning depending upon context. Here, kindness which bestows upon one what he has not deserved. Namely, the offer of salvation; (1 Pet. 1:10; Titus 2:11).
4. Characteristics of God’s Grace:
 - A. Eternal (2 Tim. 1:9; cf. Eph. 3:9-11).
 - B. Free (Rom. 3:24).
 - 1) Man has done nothing to earn the offer or reception of God’s grace.
 - 2) God was never obligated to offer His grace.
 - C. Sovereign—God is Sovereign. He is absolutely independent; subject to nobody, supremely perfect in all His being and attributes (Rom. 5:21; Heb. 4:16).
 - 1) Who/What is reigning on the throne? Grace is personified with God and therefore, God’s grace reigns with Him.
5. Let us examine Paul’s text—single sentence in Grk—of which, “the grace of God” stands as its grammatical subject.

I. THE GRACE OF GOD BRINGS SALVATION (2:11a).

- A. Noah Needed God’s Grace to Be Saved (Gen. 6:8).
- B. Man Needs God’s Grace to be Saved.
 1. Like Noah, man not equipped to save himself from sin.
 2. Man cannot do enough meritorious works to obligate God to save him (Eph. 2:8-10).
 - a. Grace is the opportunity of salvation offered freely by God.
 - b. Faith is man’s necessary, obedient response to God’s offer.
 - c. Works of righteousness
 - 1) Not the works of the law (Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14-17).
 - 2) But works of obedience (Eph. 2:10; Jas. 2:21; Jn. 6:29). (Jn. 9:4).

II. THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED TO ALL MEN (2:11b).

- A. Jesus Died for All Men (Heb. 2:9). Therefore...
- B. All Men Have the Potential for Salvation—Peter and Cornelius (**Acts 10:34-35**).
- C. All Men May Become Children of God (Jn. 1:12).
 1. Notice, man was not automatically given sonship; man was given the **power** authority, permission, free-will option).
 2. Man must **receive** Jesus, i.e. accept the specific terms of Jesus: (Rom. 3:22).

III. THE GRACE OF GOD TEACHES US (2:12).

- A. Denial (12a).
 - 1. Ungodliness
 - a. Apathy, or lack of reverence towards God. **EX**: Lukewarmness (Rev. 3:14f). Refusing to obey the commands of God and Christ.
 - b. Refusing to give God honor. **EX**: Herod (Acts 12:23).
 - 2. Worldly Lusts—Sin. What sin does not arise from lust of some kind (Jas. 1:14-15)?
- B. Proper Living (12b).
 - 1. Soberly with sound mind, exercising self-control.
 - 2. Righteously adv. judicially approved (by God); justly, uprightly. (1 Cor. 15:34).
 - 3. Godly piously, religiously.
- C. Urgency (12c) “In this present world”— now—before death takes us.

IV. THE GRACE OF GOD POINTS US TO CHRIST (2:13-14).

- A. Looking toward the happy fulfillment of our hope (13a): What hope? (Acts 24:14-15).
- B. Looking toward the appearance of God and Christ Jesus (13b).
Appearing 6x always re: Christ; 5x His 2nd; (cf. 2 Tim. 4:8).
- C. Paul Affirms that Christ is Deity (13c).
 - 1. Many agree that Paul is referring to God the Son only, and in such terms as to make no mistake about the deity of Christ.
 - 2. A fact which Scripture has affirmed in many places (John 1:1-3, 14; Isa. 9:6; 1 Tim. 3:16).
- D. Paul Describes Jesus’ Work of Redemption (14).

V. THE GRACE OF GOD PROMPTS US TO TEACH (2:15).

- A. Notice the Verbs (all present tense)
 - 1. Speak- 2 Tim. 2:2. Everyone needs told about God’s word.
 - 2. Exhort- encourage, prompt. Most need exhorted/encouraged to do what it says.
 - 3. Rebuke- expose, convict, show to be guilty. some need reprovved or convicted because they refuse and reject it.
- B. Do not be despicable.
 - 1. Let no one have *just cause* to despise you.
 - 2. We must speak God’s word with vigor, with love and w/o wavering.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Our text teaches us the active response of man to God’s offer of grace. entails.
- 2. Our response requires action; works of obedience and righteousness, without which, we cannot be eternally saved.
- 3. His grace made salvation available; It teaches us godly living, and what Heaven has done for us, and that we should be fountains of learning for our peers.

Welcome! To our visitors!

We are thankful for your presence. Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection plates.

AM Bible Study: Colossians 3:12f.

AM Lesson: God's Grace (Titus 2:11-14).

PM: Lesson: Joel's Day of the Lord (Joel 3:11-17).

Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 11:7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Tina Keith** suffered a stroke in her right eye which has caused permanent damage to her optic nerve leaving her with about 30% vision in that eye.
- **Linda Steele** is recovering from COVID.

REMINDER:

- ❖ **Men's Day** at *Norval Park* on Saturday, March 18, 9 am—1:30 pm.
- ❖ Our *Gospel Meeting* will be May 21-25 with **Phil Grear**.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Bev Singleton, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley, and Randy Yost.

SHUT-INS:
Debbie Jones,
Nancy Love,

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Betty Cox** (Diann Bachmann's sister), **Melanie Harper**, **T.J. Hart**, **Trudy Kerby**, **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Bob Main** (Bill Main's brother), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Kellie Price** (Richard Mayo's cousin), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, **Leatha Warner** (Erma Endly's daughter-in-law), the **U.S.A., Ukraine** and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM STUDY	SUNDAY AM	SUNDAY PM	WED. STUDY	GIVING (\$2,460)
34	60	36	25	\$2,250

“SEPARATE AND APART”

Years ago, Christians thought visitors might think the collection was part of the Lord's Supper, or else a way of paying for the bread and fruit of the vine. So congregations began to have them at separate times during the service. Later they just verbally explained that they are not the same and somehow “separate and apart from the Lord's Supper” became the almost universal introduction to the collection. It also has become part of a comedy routine. If you recognize the phrase “separate and apart from the Lord's Supper”, you might be a member of the church of Christ—Cecil May Jr.