

## Why Church Matters: The Power of Grace

*Titus 2:11–15*

We are on our series, *Why Church Matters*, and recently we saw how sound doctrine shapes us towards godly living — and how the local church is the place where sound doctrine is elevated and takes root through real relationships, especially through intergenerational discipleship.

This is the beautiful thing: When that happens, the gospel becomes visible and attractive.

In today's passage, Paul reminds us — that the power that connects sound doctrine with godly living is the **grace of God**.

**Question:** How has your understanding of grace shaped the way you live?

**MP:** Grace isn't just something we receive once; it's what empowers us to reflect Jesus and live for Jesus until His return.

<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,

**Grace is not a license to sin; grace saves and empowers us.**

**God's grace became visible in the person and work of Jesus.**

**Grace is a two-way gift: it saves and empowers us.**

**How can we allow God's grace to train us and strengthen us?**

*2 Timothy 2:1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,*

- **Abide in Christ daily:** We don't earn grace through spiritual habits, but we open ourselves to grace through them.
- **Embrace weakness:** Grace meets us, not at the end of our strength, but in the confession of our need.
- **Walk in humility and dependence:** Grace flows not through pride but through surrender
- **Engage in Christian Community:** God often will deliver the grace that you need through the words, prayer and presence of others.
- **Preach the Gospel to yourself:** The Gospel of grace isn't just the starting point, it's the ground we stand on every day.

**What Jesus did in the past impacts our present and shapes our hope for the future.**

<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.

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

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