"ACTIVE GRACE"

Titus 2:11-12 – "*For the Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.*"

GRACE

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Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, writes this epistle to Titus who is his son in the ministry. In this passage, Paul counsels Titus on how he should minister to various people groups within the church community. The overarching concern in these instructions is the need for believers to live with self-control and godliness in the household and the church so the conduct of the believer would not give unbelievers an opportunity to make shameful accusations about the faith. Grace produces a direct effect on its environment. Grace saves! Grace sanctifies! Grace serves! Grace suffered! Grace strengthens! And Grace supplies! By its very existence it affects conditions around it. So if the active Grace is IN you and ON you, you should also have the same effect on your environment.

Active Grace Comes (appears to all men):

"Grace" is the free unmerited love and favor of God, the spring and source of all the benefits men receive from Him. It is favorable influence of God, divine influence or the influence of the spirit, in renewing the heart and restraining from sin. The Grace that comes and appears to all men is Jesus Christ himself! He is the Grace! He left his deity and his majesty in glory to come to this sinful and wicked world, in the form of a baby, to be the Savior of all men. He came to bring you life and that you might have that life more abundantly. It is clear that God's Grace is for all! All includes you and me – it doesn't matter what you've done or where you've been. Your past is never bad enough where God will ever withhold His active Grace from you! He proved His love through the finished work of the cross by Christ Jesus!

Active Grace Brings (bringeth salvation):

We read in scripture that not only does Grace come; but Grace brings something with it upon its arrival! What does Grace bring? Paul says, "Grace bringeth salvation." What is "salvation"? It is the redemption of man from the bondage of sin and liability to eternal death and the conferring on him everlasting happiness. This is the great salvation. The active Grace of God takes the work of salvation further into our lives and produces our transformation from a sinful state into God's righteousness. He just doesn't show up. But when Grace shows up, Grace steps up and brings everything that is needed for your present situation! If you need to forgive, Grace will show up with a portion of forgiveness just for you. If you need more compassion, Grace will show up with a portion of compassion just for you. If you need more patience, Grace will show up with just enough patience to get you through! God's Grace IS active Grace!

Active Grace Teaches (denial of ungodliness and worldly lusts):

Grace equips [teaches] for service and enables you to triumph in your Christian walk over the world, the flesh, and the devil. And so, unlike passive Grace which exists without any response from you, active Grace produces a response right where it exists. Paul tells Titus that Grace teaches to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. Active Grace helps you, strengthens you, leads you, sustains you and ensures that you are living soberly, righteously and godly. Active Grace motivates you to crucify your flesh daily, give up your fleshly desires and submit your will to the will of God! Active Grace teaches you that in order to have a righteous relationship with the risen redeemer, you must also be righteous in all of your ways and holy in all of your works! Where there is active Grace in your life, it will shut the mouth of the unbeliever because your talk will line up with your walk.

Active Grace will strengthen you to live a life that is holy and pleasing to God the Father.

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