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Exodus and Leviticus Sermon Series

Supports Session 13: Holy Living

Sermon Title: “Grace Transforms” (Titus 2:11-13)

Connection to Session 13

The book of Leviticus teaches how the holy God dwelt in the midst of a sinful people. Leviticus is filled with laws the Israelites followed. These laws were meant to be a continual reminder for Israel of God’s holiness and grace. In Titus 2, Paul explained how God’s grace has appeared in Christ, and we are called to live holy lives.

Introduction/Opening

Most popular stories include some element of redemption in them. They are often a beautiful echo of the grace of God that transforms. When we come to faith in Christ, the grace of God transforms us. In our text today, we see how the appearance of Christ transforms the believer. We are no longer characterized by a pursuit of sin, but a pursuit of Christ.

Outline

I. Grace appeared (Titus 2:11)

The grace of God appeared at the first coming of Christ.

A. Appeared

- i. Paul was referring to the incarnation of Jesus Christ; God the Son became human.
- ii. Jesus came into the world because God sent Him on a divine mission to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10; John 3:16).

B. Why is Jesus’s appearing gracious?

- a. Grace is a gift that is not deserved. We do not deserve the salvation that God has provided in Jesus.
- b. The perfect son of God came to earth to live a perfect life, die on the cross, and rise from the dead.
 - i. Application: If you think you deserve salvation, then you do not truly understand the depth of God’s grace for us and your own sinfulness. God’s grace should lead us to thankfulness for what He has done for us.

II. Grace transforms (Titus 2:12)

We are saved by the grace of God. God saves us and transforms us. God saves us so that we can pursue holiness.

- a. God’s grace transforms to deny godlessness
 - i. God’s grace trains us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts.

- b. God's grace transforms to pursue godliness
 - i. God's grace trains us to be sensible, righteous, and godly.
 - ii. Application: God's grace changes our desires so that we seek to please Him above our own sinful desires.

Conclusion

The grace of God teaches us to say no to ungodliness and worldly lusts. The grace of God teaches us to say yes to sensible, righteous, and godly lives. When we place our faith in Christ we are transformed, and a new story must begin. How will your life be different because of God's grace in Christ?

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