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Titus 2:11-14 | The Work of Grace

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## **Discussion Questions**

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **Titus 2:11** and **Judges 8:33-34.** What role does actively recalling God's *past* grace play in your *present* growth in grace? What habits or practices will you adopt to discipline yourself to remember God's past grace, and why is this so important?

2. Read **Titus 2:11-12**, **Ephesians 4:20-24**, and **Romans 6:1-2**. Some are tempted to abuse grace by asserting that we do nothing in our Christian lives to promote growth in godliness or that fighting hard for holiness is legalism. With these passages in mind, how might you respond to these assertions?

3. Read **Colossians 3:5-10** and **2 Peter 3:18**. We learned that God's grace actively trains us to renounce sin and put it to death. What are some of the things that you are convicted must be "put to death" in your life? What new righteous habits is the Spirit leading you to "put on"? How will you put these things into action this week? How long should you expect to keep up this kind of battle-focused intensity? (hint: Titus 2:11-14, Heb 12:3-4).

4. Read **Philippians 2:12-13** and **1 Corinthians 15:10**. How do these passages ruin personal pride and, at the same time, strongly encourage our aggressive effort toward growth in godliness?

5. Read **Titus 2:13** and **1 Corinthians 15:42-44**. What aspects of your future glorification are you most looking forward to, and how does this motivate you to pursue greater godliness now?

## **Recommended Resources**

Below are some resources to assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While the pastors cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, they do believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Chappell, Bryan. *Unlimited Grace: The Heart Chemistry That Frees from Sin and Fuels the Christian Life.* Crossway, 2016.
- Hedges, Brian G. Watchfulness: *Recovering a Lost Spiritual Discipline*. Reformation Heritage Books, 2018.
- Mathis, David. Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines. Crossway, 2016.
- Piper, John. *Future Grace: The Purifying Power of the Promises of God.* Multnomah, 2012.
- Piper, John, et al. *Acting the Miracle: God's Work and Ours in the Mystery of Sanctification*. Crossway, 2013.
- Whitney, Donald. Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life. NavPress, 2014.