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Acts 1:10-11 "They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

Three Things God's Grace Does For Us

1. The grace of God saves us.

Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men."

Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by **grace** you have been **saved**, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Romans 5:9-10 "Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"

2. The grace of God redeems us from all wickedness.

Titus 2 "Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own..."

Luke 21:27-28 "At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Romans 8:19-21 "All creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay."

3. The grace of God teaches us.

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Ephesians 1:13-14 "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory."

Are YOU ready for his return?