

# If We Only Knew...

## Grace Will Teach Us

**Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)** 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.

1. God's grace fills me with \_\_\_\_\_. (Titus 2:11,13)
2. God's grace fills me with \_\_\_\_\_. (Titus 2:12)
  - a. It teaches me what I \_\_\_\_\_ do.
  - b. It teaches me what I \_\_\_\_\_ do.

**Ephesians 4:28-32 (NIV)** He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

3. God's grace fills me with \_\_\_\_\_. (Titus 2:13,14)
  - a. I \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
  - b. He \_\_\_\_\_ me a lot.
  - c. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. He's \_\_\_\_\_ me to live on Earth.

**1 John 3:19-22 (NIV)** This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

**Key Thought:** If we only knew that the grace that brings salvation, teaches us to live differently.

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### Wk 2 - Grace That Teaches

#### Getting Started:

1. What was your least favorite class in school? What was your favorite?
2. What has been the most important lesson you have learned? What has been the most important lesson you have learned in the past 6 months?

#### Going Deeper:

One of the most difficult things to understand/remember about grace is that it is not just an initial gift that we receive for salvation. Grace is an ongoing dispensation/disbursement of what we need from God in order to develop into who He has created us to be. Throughout scripture, Paul writes to his readers to remind them that this type of grace is available and is normative, so that the believer is able to be transformed into a new way of living.

#### Read 2 Peter 1:1-19

1. What does v. 3 promise us? Do you believe the superlative everything, or have you adapted it to mean most things we need? What is the difference between the two?
2. What are the 2 things that result from the promise of v. 3? Do you think it is significant that these 2 things are listed together? Do you sometimes focus on only one of these things? What is the result?
3. What is the list of things we are to add to our faith? Give yourself a grade for each area.
4. What does v. 8 tell us about the progressive nature of these qualities? How does it make you feel to be reminded you are in a process, and do not need to possess everything fully right now?
5. V. 3 says He has given us *everything* we need, while v. 8 says that we will possess these qualities in *increasing* measure. Do these two statements contradict one another – why or why not?

#### Acting Out:

1. Make a list from v. 5-7. Next to each quality, write down a grade for yourself in this area. Next to each grade, write down one thing you can do this week to *possess this quality in increasing measure*.
2. Commit to praying for an *increasing measure* in these areas, this week.

#### Further Reading This Week:

Titus 1                      Titus 2                      Titus 3                      II Peter 1  
II Peter 2                      II Peter 3