

sermon notes

Elder, Scott Allen, VBVF | “Framework for a Healthy Church”
July 13, 2025 | “Three Whys and a How” | **Titus 2:11-15**

1) *Why do we need a framework for a healthy Church? Because*

_____ appeared. (Titus 2:11-12)

2) *Why did grace appear to save and train? Because we await Christ’s*

_____. (Titus 2:13)

3) *Why do we await Christ’s glory? Because of the hope of the*

_____. (Titus 2:14)

4) *How? _____ about these things with _____.* (Titus 2:15)

Application

1) The grace that saved you is _____ in you. (Eph 3:20, Heb 13:20-21)

2) We have _____ to carry us. (Rom 5:1-5, Eph 1:18, Heb 6:18-19)

3) Be about the _____. (Eph 2:10, Heb 10:24, Mat 5:16)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

What is the purpose of the Church in the world? Why does God have a framework (organization, expectations, standards) for His Church and the people of His Church? With the gifting of the Holy Spirit to all believers, shouldn’t it be enough that the church is Spirit led? Isaiah 1:18a says, “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord;” is God inviting us to reason along with Him in the framework for the Church? What is He teaching us by giving us His reasoning?

In God’s salvation plan for humanity, He chose to send Christ in grace before sending Him in glory, against the expectations of Israel of that time. Why would God choose grace first? Would it have accomplished all that God planned to come first as a hero of Israel in His glory and give Israel lasting victory over its enemies? What aspects of Titus 2:11-12 would have been affected had God chosen to send glory first?

GET PERSONAL

In 1 Tim 6:11 and 1 Cor 6:18, Paul says to flee from sin, but in Titus 2:12, he says to renounce or deny sin. Are these instructions contradictory? How do you know when to flee and when to renounce? Do you have personal examples of either or both that help illustrate how to apply these scriptures from Paul in everyday life? How has God trained (sanctified) you to renounce ungodliness and live righteously that might be an encouragement to others?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

In our present day lives, we are awaiting Christ’s return in His Glory. We are not called to a passive but an active waiting. How can you be active in God’s good works while you are waiting? Would you call yourself zealous for good works? How can you grow in zeal? Who can you increase in zeal through encouragement?

ADVANCED QUESTION

The question of God’s sovereignty and our responsibility is a complicated one that we can’t fully comprehend. Do you ever find yourself contemplating this question in one form or another? Do you have effective guardrails or boundaries you keep in place when thinking about these questions that prevent you from driving into a ditch and reaching ungodly conclusions? What are those boundaries and where did you get them from?

What does it mean to be God’s own (treasured) possession? How does that affect your view of yourself now? In eternity?

