

Tract Number Three
“The Grace of God Hath Appeared”

NOTES FROM THE TEXTBOOK



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

The Bible presents many interesting truths, perhaps the greatest of these is the Love of God as manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. It is the Love of God that provides for fallen man that which he himself could not obtain sin forgiven and peace with God. The appearing of Jesus Christ makes it possible for men everywhere to enter into a personal fellowship with God, and this truth deserves the utmost attention.

In the New Testament book of Hebrews chapter nine, we discover three aspects of the appearing of Jesus Christ: Hath Appeared to put away Sin (verse 26) Now Appears in the presence of God for us (verse 24) and Shall Appear the second time without sin unto salvation (verse 28).

Hath Appeared to put away Sin. An important clarity is found in the words, “to put away sin” The awfulness of sin can hardly be understood apart from realizing that innocent blood was shed on behalf of the guilty party. The shadow of the Old Testament sacrifice made an atonement (to cover) for sin, but could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience.

However, the distinctiveness of the once and for all sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, is that the sins of God’s people have been taken away. As a result of this great work, God remembers our sin and iniquity no more, and has cast them as far as the east is from the west.

Now Appears in the presence of God for us. The mediation of Jesus Christ is an equally important function of our Blessed Savior. So often overlooked is the necessity of a mediator (go-between). It is this work of the Savior that secures for the believer things which otherwise would not be obtained. Of the many things we obtain in Christ, the privilege of prayer must be one of the highest. Even though an expression of desire becomes difficult at times, it is the Lord himself that intercedes for the believers according to the will of God. The value of Christ our go-between may seem difficult to comprehend; nevertheless, without him we could never approach God.

Shall Appear the second time without sin unto salvation. The first coming of Jesus Christ into the world arena was to pay the penalty for the sins of his people. Only he could meet the just demands of a Holy God. However, his second coming will be to rule and reign as King, setting up the theocracy upon the earth. Peace between men continues to be the goal of concerned individuals, but lasting peace will not prevail until the Prince of Peace shall appear.

The significance of Jesus Christ appearing is worth your consideration. You and I are responsible for how we deal with him. Whatever the need may be, encouragement can be found in him "seeing that He ever lives to make intercession for us" (Hebrews 7:25)