

Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,
and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at **the name of Jesus** every knee should bow,
of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things*
under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus
Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psa. 9:10 **And they that know thy name will put their
trust in thee:** for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them
that seek thee.

This evening we continue studying the names of the Lord Jesus Christ found throughout the Word of God. We will see how the various names are descriptive terms describing various characteristics of the Lord Jesus.

Last week, we focused upon the Lord Jesus Christ as “the hope of glory.” There are a multitude of verses in both the Old and New Testaments that encourage us in this description of the Lord Jesus Christ. Consider just a few verses from the book of Psalms:

Psa. 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, **all ye that hope in the LORD.**

Psa. 38:15 **For in thee, O LORD, do I hope:** thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

Psa. 39:7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? **my hope is in thee.**

Psa. 71:5 **For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD:** *thou art my trust from my youth.*

Psa. 146:5 **Happy is he** that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, **whose hope is in the LORD his God:**

- ❖ Living hope is anchored in the past—Jesus rose from the dead.
- ❖ It continues in the present—Jesus is alive.
- ❖ And it endures throughout the future—Jesus promises eternal, resurrection life.

❖ Last week, we looked at the Book of Colossians to observe the ramifications of having...

“Christ in you, the hope of glory”

Tonight, we look at *hope* from another perspective – believers are to be, “Looking for that blessed hope...” As believers implement this hope into their lives, the impact is experienced in several perspectives which will be our focus tonight as we see the Lord Jesus as...

“The Blessed Hope”

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

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 **Looking for that blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

I. THE FACT OF GRACE FOR HOPE, 2:11

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

A. The Source of Salvation – “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation...”

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

❖ A key word in Christianity is “grace” – God’s unmerited favor!

B. The Seeable Source – “...hath appeared to all men,”

Rom. 1:18 For **the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**
19 Because that **which may be known of God** is manifest in them; **for God hath shewed *it* unto them.**
20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that **they are without excuse:**

❖ Mankind is “without excuse” in accountability to God.

II. THE FAITHFULNESS OF GRACE FROM HOPE, 2:12

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

A. The Impact of Grace from Hope – “Teaching us...”

- ❖ Biblical Christianity includes knowledge of how a believer should live life.
- ❖ Spiritual newborns are taught by grace to develop in maturity to their full potential.

Original Word: παιδεύω

Transliteration: paideuó

Definition: to train children, to chasten, correct

Usage: (a) I discipline, educate, train, (b) more severely: I chastise.

paideúō (from *país*, "a child under development with strict training") – **properly, to *train up a child (país)*, so they *mature* and realize their *full potential(development)*.** This requires

necessary *discipline* (training), which includes administering chastisement (punishment).

paideúō ("to *instruct by training*") is the root of the English terms, "*pedagogue, pedagogy*."

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3811.htm>

B. The Influence of Grace and Hope – “...denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”

Original Word: ἀρνέομαι

Transliteration: arneomai

Definition: to deny, say no; **Usage:** (a) I deny (a statement), (b) I repudiate (a person, or belief).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/720.htm>

❖ A believer is to “say no” to ungodliness:

Prov. 1:10 My son, if sinners entice thee, **consent thou not.**

Prov. 4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15 **Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.**

❖ A believer is to “say no” to worldly temptations:

Original Word: κοσμικός

Transliteration: kosmikos

Definition: pertaining to the world

Usage: earthly, worldly (belonging to the present earthly world as opposed to the heavenly and future).

kosmikós – worldly, earthly (*belonging to the world*).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2886.htm>

Jas. 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that **the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

❖ A believer is to “say yes” to living soberly:

Original Word: σωφρόνως

Transliteration: sóphronós

Definition: with sound mind; **Usage:** **soberly**, with moderation, prudently.

sōphrónōs – *moderately*, reflecting the radical-balance birthed within by faith from the Lord (**used only in Titus 2:12**). Accordingly, there is a direct connection of faith ("God's inworked *persuasion*") and *sōphrónōs* ("being safe-minded") in Tit 2:10-12.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4996.htm>

❖ A believer is to “say yes” to living righteously:

Original Word: δικαίως

Transliteration: dikaiós

Definition: righteously, justly; **Usage:** justly, righteously.

dikaiōs (an adverb) – *judicially approved* (**approved by God**); justly, uprightly.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1346.htm>

❖ A believer is to “say yes” to living godly:

Original Word: εὐσεβῶς

Transliteration: eusebós

Definition: piously; **Usage:** piously, religiously.

eusebós (from *eusebés*, "inward piety") – venerably, inwardly pious (devout).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2153.htm>

GODLY, *adjective* [god-like] Pious; reverencing God, and his character and laws.

1. Living in obedience to God's commands, from a principle of love to him and reverence of his character and precepts; religious; righteous; as a *godly* person.
2. Pious; conformed to God's law; as a *godly* life.

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/godly>

❖ The emphasis is to live such a spiritual life in the present age.

Original Word: νῦν

Transliteration: nun

Definition: **now, the present**

Usage: adv. (a) of time: just now, even now; just at hand, immediately, (b) of logical connection: now then, (c) in commands and appeals: at this instant.

nýn (an adverb) – *now*, as the *logical result* of what precedes; *now*, *in light of* what has *gone before*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3568.htm>

III. THE FUTURE OF GRACE WITH HOPE, 2:13-15

A. The Hope Defined – “13 **Looking for that blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

❖ The “blessed hope” centers upon the Lord Jesus Christ and His glorious appearing.

Original Word: προσδέχομαι

Transliteration: prosdechomai

Definition: to receive to oneself

Usage: (a) I await, expect, (b) I receive, welcome (originally: to my house), (c) I accept.

prosdéxomai – properly, to receive in a personal (open) manner; to *welcome* with *warm reciprocity*.

***prosdéxomai* ("wait actively, expectantly") means being "ready and willing" to give *and* receive. (*prosdéxomai*) then expresses *expectant* waiting where a person is *ready and willing to receive* all that is hoped for (note the force of *pros*). This is *active* "looking-for-and-waiting!"**

Original Word: ἐπιφάνεια

Transliteration: eipthaneia

Definition: appearance; **Usage:** appearing, manifestation, glorious display.

epipháneia (from *epí*, "on, fitting," which intensifies *phaínō*, "show forth, appear") – properly, a *fitting manifestation* (literally, "an epiphany").

(*epipháneia*) **Accordingly, *epipháneia* ("conspicuous appearing") emphasizes the *fitting impact* Christ's *visible* appearance will have on the *entire* world – i.e. all who see it (saved and unsaved).**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2015.htm>

❖ The statement of “...the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ...” is called a *hendiadys*:

hendiadys

Hendiadys is from the Greek meaning **literally ‘one-through-two’**. Put simply, hendiadys is a figure of speech whereby one idea is expressed by two ‘substantives’ (specifically, nouns or adjectives). These two substantives are joined by the word ‘and’.

<https://interestingliterature.com/2020/03/what-is-hendiadys-introduction-examples/>

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

- ❖ The “...the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ...” has given Himself for us for a purpose -- “...that he might **redeem us** from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**”
- ❖ The privilege of salvation carries with it the consequence of responsibility – “...purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

Original Word: περιούσιος

Transliteration: periousios

Definition: of one's own possession; **Usage:** costly, treasured, select, specially chosen.

perioúsios – properly, what exists in *abundance* (*plenteousness*) and hence of *surpassing value*. This describes believers because they *belong to the Lord* as His prized treasure ("*peculiar*," *special possession*). (*perioúsios*) is **used only in Titus 2:14**.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4041.htm>

Eph. 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

❖ We are commanded to let others know what we know!

B. The Hope Declared – “15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.”

Original Word: περιφρονέω

Transliteration: periphronéō

Definition: to examine on all sides, **to despise**; **Usage:** I look down upon, despise.

periphronéō (from *perí*, "all-around," and *phronéō*, "exercising personal perspective") – properly, think all-around by considering from all sides which results however in "over-thinking" (injecting personal bias, **used only in Titus 2:15**).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4065.htm>

Original Word: ἐπιταγή

Transliteration: epitagé

Definition: a command

Usage: instruction, command, order, **authority**. (**like a commandment**)

epitagé – **a command "fitting" to the situation**, i.e. an order that arranges things so they build on (Gk *epi*) each other to achieve the needed goal. Thus ***epitagé* ("a structured command")** also "stresses 'the *authoritativeness* of the command' " (Vine, Unger, White, *NT*, 112)

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2003.htm>

Summary

The “blessed hope” greatly impacts the life of a believer.

- ❖ HOPE PROVIDES EMBRACING FOR ENCOURAGEMENT Consolation and comfort
- ❖ HOPE PROVIDES ENLIGHTENMENT FOR EXPECTATION Vision to Anticipate
- ❖ HOPE PROVIDES ENERGY FOR ENGAGEMENT Motivation to proceed

Conclusion

2 Tim. 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

9 **Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,**

10 But is now made manifest **by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ**, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for **I know** whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 **Hold fast the form of sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, **in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus**.

“Just as man cannot live without dreams, he cannot live without hope. If dreams reflect the past, hope summons the future.”

— Elie Wiesel <https://quotefancy.com/elie-wiesel-quotes>