

THE BLESSED HOPE

July 5, 2020 Titus 2:11-15, I John 3:1-3

Call in a troubleshooter, a negotiator or a mediator because we have a situation here. Who you going to call? Paul called on Titus. “The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out or put in order... (1:5).” **Read Titus 1:10-14,16**

Listen: What you believe > what you do and what you do > what you believe. Put your faith and hope in Jesus. Believe the truth of God’s word. Affirm this:

1. Grace has appeared – Titus 2:11 Jesus came in humility the 1st time

- The Greek for appeared is epiphany. Light coming into the darkness and God’s divine intervention. 2:11, 2:13 Pray for it!
- We celebrate epiphany with the birth of Jesus. A star appeared.
- You can’t understand grace apart from Jesus and the cross.
- Jesus transforms your life by grace, love and forgiveness. See 2:1-10,12,14
- Jesus redeemed us/rescued us. 2:14
- Say “No” to temptations to do evil: steal, kill, destroy, divide by lying.

2. Jesus will come again – THE BLESSED HOPE, THE GLORIOUS APPEARING

- This life is not all there is. **Are you investing for eternity?**
- What can you take with you when you die or Jesus comes back?
- Jesus will come again in glory! 2:13, See I John 3:1-3
- You shall see Jesus as He is, face to face! I Cor. 13:12
- If you knew you had 24 hours left to live, what would you do?