

## Teaching Outline

### Titus 2

#### Life and Doctrine

How did one Card Summer go?

Did everyone pass out their card?

Did everyone get a new card?

[Ask people about the when, where, how and who they passed out their card to, this should be a celebration and fun time, don't rush it, take time to hear the stories and pray]

Who was at church on Sunday?

Was there anyone missing from our group?

How are they doing?

Who remembers what book of the Bible we were in? *Titus*

Do you remember what book we will be in next? *Hebrews*

[Encourage everyone to read Hebrews by Sunday]

What are some of the benefits that can come from reading Hebrews by Sunday?

Anyone remember the main point of the sermon? *Christianity has two parts, life and doctrine and they should be related.*

#### Read

Christianity without understanding is just moralism and Bible knowledge without life change is a dead faith; as Christians we need both, the truth and the life, character and content. Our knowledge of the truth, of what is needs to impact our day to day living.

What aspect of living or character did we primarily focus on? *The sanctification of Men of God Titus 2:2*

?What aspect of doctrine did we focus on? *The grace of God, the gospel. Titus 2:11-12, Rom 6:1-13*

?How does the grace of God match, line up, motivate, inform or correlate to the call for men to grow in maturity? *Because we are Christians God has given us a new life to live, one that is rooted in the gospel and in the process of sanctification.*

From Romans 6 what are the three things we must take to heart for our sanctification? *Know, consider, present.*

[This is one we all must understand and grasp because it's the same for everyone no matter the area of growth. This is how we grow in sanctification, this is the heart of Christian living, and this is the primary reason why Christians should act, think and live like Christians. Let me know if you are still unclear about this and we can meet up for lunch, this should be second nature in our thinking, this needs to be our heartbeat. Titus 2:11-12 states that God's grace is a teacher that trains us to say no to ungodly lifestyles and yes to godly ones, this is a statement of fact. How is the next question and that is found in Romans 6. Romans 6 teaches us 3 things, know, consider, present.

1) know (Rom 6:1-10): that your old self was killed and buried with Christ, say good bye to that old person they are dead. Then you were raised with Christ to live a new life, you were born again to live in a new humanity, not the old Adam world but the new world of Christ.

2) Consider (Rom 6:11): It is a fact that Christians have been crucified with Christ and raised to walk in a new life so accept it. You should say no! When old sinful ways of thinking and acting tempt you and then live in the new life you have. Think to yourself, "I shouldn't act or think that way because I'm a Christian and that old person who thinks that way has been killed and I have been raised to live a new life;" it's just your flesh that is trying to bring you back or lead you astray but you have the Spirit of God to overcome (Gal 5:16)

3) Present: (Rom 6:13): knowing that our old self is dead and is to be thought of as dead we need to present or yield our actual body up for service to the Lord, this means following what He says in the Word and living it out.

This is the doctrine of God's grace, He has given us a way to live a new life and our sanctification is living it out.]

Read

Now that we are more familiar with the how and why of our sanctification let's look at one practical areas God wants us to grow in. This should be an area of character men and women

should be striving for. Remember we should not be measuring our idea of Christian character from the world but from the Word.

**temperate, esv-sober-minded**, this means to behave in a sober, restrained manner, To keep yourself in check. Free from intoxication. To be sober-minded, to not go to excess. Or to be a slave of your appetites. Whether it is eating, drinking, sleeping, spending money, or engaging in recreation, you need to keep a firm hand on your desires and passions and not swayed about by every inclination of your heart. We need to be clear headed and in control of our emotions and actions. Angry outburst, pornographic indulgences and self-seeking spending sprees should not be ok with you. You need to be striving to be restrained and sober.

When was the last time you were drunk?

Do you think Christians should be drunk? *NO! Romans 6:1, what a joke, Christians should be ashamed of themselves if they think being drunk is ok.*

What should Christians think and do when they are tempted to get drunk? *Know, consider, present.*

What are some practical things you can do to flee the temptation to get drunk?

When are you most likely to drink too much? *Probably when you are drinking*

Whose life has been impacted in a negative way by drugs or alcohol, could be your own use or the use of others? [Take time to hear people's stories and the impact it has had, there is no need to rush this.]

What if you heard that John MacArthur or David Jeremiah or some other man of God that you respect was found drunk in a hotel room with a prostitute? Would you think that was ok? Would that be fitting behavior for them? Why?

What's the difference between you and them?

In terms of fleshly desires? *Their fleshly appetite may be much weaker than someone who drinks regularly because they haven't been feeding it, the more you feed the flesh the louder and stronger it is. The more you feed the Spirit or do the things of God the weaker the flesh gets.*

In terms of God's means of sanctification? *We all have the same means, these men have just been putting them in place for decades.*

Do you think God's means of sanctification are sufficient?

Conclusion:

God has saved us from both the penalty of sin and the power of sin and has given us means to live a new life. Rejoice in that. Repent in the areas you are convicted and take up the challenge that our Christian life needs two parts, character and content. Let us encourage each other to grow in both, we should have high expectations of what God can do.