Introduction

We live in an age of grace.

- This is the church age.
- This is the Day of Salvation.

God’s grace is amazing.

I. We are saved by grace. Verse 11

Nowhere is the grace of God shown more clearly than in the life of Christ.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

Grace broke in on our morally dark world like a rising sun.

Salvation is a gift from God that each one must receive by faith.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

II. We are changed by grace. Verse 12

God’s grace produces spiritual fruit in us.

Grace teaches us to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions.

Grace teaches us to say yes to Christ.

Grace changes us in three areas.

- Internally – self-control
- Outwardly – upright behavior in relation to others.
- Upwardly – godly desires. We want what God wants.

This change doesn’t happen overnight. It is a process that takes time and it is a cooperative work between God and us.
III. We have hope because of grace. Verses 13-15

We look forward to the coming of Christ.

We wait for his return – not idly, but actively doing what he has called us to do.

Paul calls his coming – “our blessed hope”.

Paul reminds of why Christ came.

- He came to be our Savior – “to redeem us from all wickedness”.
- He came to establish a new community – “to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good”.

God’s grace is our motivation to serve.

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” II Corinthians 5:14-15

Conclusion

God’s grace saves.

God’s grace transforms.

God’s grace fills us with hope and motivates us to live for Christ.