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HAS APPEARED TO ALL MEN

ONCE IT WAS A HIDDEN MYSTERY ...

- 1. Kept secret since the world began Romans 16:25
- 2. Which had been hidden from ages and from generations **Colossians 1:26-27**
- 3. God's plan for redeeming man had been a mystery, even to angels cf. **IPeter 1:10-12**

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BUT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED ...

- 1. Starting with the teaching of Christ Himself Matthew 13:10-11, 34-35
- 2. Continued with the preaching of the apostles **Ephesians**
- 3. Now made known to all nations Ephesians 3:8-9; Romans 16:25-26

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TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE DENYING UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY LUSTS ...

- I. Teaching us to say "No!" to ungodliness.
- 2. Teaching us to deny worldly lusts.
- 3. For one cannot love the Father if they love such things in the world 1 John 2:15-17

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TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE

LIVING SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, AND GODLY ...

- 1. To live soberly.
- 2. To live righteously.
- 3. To live godly.
- 4. Notice how these three virtues point **inward**, **outward**, and **upward**:

INWARD OUTWARD UPWARD "Soberly" "Righteously" "Godly"

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TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE

IN THIS PRESENT AGE ...

Galatians 1:4; John 17:14-16

LOOKING FOR THE BLESSED HOPE AND GLORIOUS APPEARING ...

I Corinthians 1:7; Philippians 3:20-21; Titus 2:13

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INVOLVES JESUS' GIFT OF HIMSELF TO REDEEM US FROM EVERY LAWLESS DEED ...

 $\underline{Redeem} - to \ redeem, liberate \ by \ payment \ of \ ransom$

From every <u>lawless deed</u> – I Corinthians 6:9-11

Jesus died to liberate us from the guilt of lawlessness – 1 **Peter** 1:18-19

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INVOLVES JESUS' GIFT OF HIMSELF TO PURIFY US FOR EVERY GOOD WORK ...

Purify – to make clean, to purify from wickedness.

For every good work

This He accomplishes through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit – **Titus 3:4-5**; cf. **John 3:3-5**

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INVOLVES JESUS' GIFT OF HIMSELF TO BE HIS SPECIAL PEOPLE. FULL OF ZEAL ...

Special Zealous

In particular, as stressed in this epistle, zealous for good works! –

Titus 2:14; cf. 3:1,8,14

Though when all is said and done, our works have not saved us by their own merit - cf. Luke 17:10

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CONCLUSION

Concerning such things Titus was to speak to his brethren – Titus 2:15

What then is the proper response to God's grace?

It does not preclude obedience - cf. Hebrews 5:9

It does not include works of merit - cf. Titus 3:5

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CONCLUSION

It begins with faith, repentance, and baptism ...

Faith in Jesus who gave Himself for us – Romans 3:24-26

Repentance for sin, which God commands of all – Acts 17:30-31

Baptism into Christ, in which we experience a renewal – Romans 6:1-4; cf. Titus 3:4-8

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CONCLUSION

But then God's grace teaches us to ...

Deny ungodliness and worldly lusts

Live soberly, righteously, and godly

Be zealous for every good work

What has been our response to the grace of God? To excuse continuing in a life of sin, or a serious effort to live a life of holiness to the Lord?