

THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS
The Blessed Hope - Titus 2:11-14
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11 *For the grace of God has appeared*

Past tense looks at the coming of Christ to save us.

(John 1:14-17; Ephesians 3:1-12)

that offers salvation to all people.

The price has been paid for all who will come.

12 *It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions.*

This is true of us all, but we are called to a changed life.

and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

13 *while we wait for the blessed hope - the appearing of the glory*

When Jesus returns to rule an earthly kingdom where God's will is done as it is in heaven. Life in this present age is changed by our hope for the future.

of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Two descriptions of one person. Jesus is God and Savior.

14 *who gave himself for us*

Jesus voluntarily went to the cross for us out of love (Galatians 2:20)

to redeem us from all wickedness

Jesus purchased us from sin for God at the price of His life.

and to purify himself a people

In Christ we are cleansed of sin and made righteous. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

that are his very own,

We not only wear the team uniform, but also love the coach and obey His commands.

eager to do what is good.

As we are taught by grace and transformed by hope our lives are changed today.