

## Series: Order in the Church

Title: No, Yes, Maybe Today!

Text: (Titus 2:11-15)

Carl McCunn, in 1976, 5mo Wildlife Photography Expedition

Carl never planned for his exit.

So many people think primarily about *Living* & not about *Leaving*.

Aprox. 2 die every second on the planet.  
More then 6000 per hour ~ 57 Million per year.

All the while, God has made every provision for not only *Living* in this world, but *Leaving* it too.

Grace is necessary for *Living* and heading in the right *Direction*, Grace is critical for *Leaving* this world, headed for the right *Destination*.

## God's Grace

*11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, -*

**“For” - Because:** Reminder of Last Weeks Message.  
The way we live affects the Testimony of God.

**“Grace of God”** - We are saved by Grace, We live by Grace, We are taught by Grace, We go to Heaven on the Promise of God's Grace. (Eph 2:8-9)(Titus 2:11)

***hath appeared to all men:*** (All kinds of people)**Universal need.** (1Tim 2:4-6)

## Leaving Our Past Life

*12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, “Teaching us”* - What does Grace teaches us?

We are accustomed to think of Grace as some sort of Currency.

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**“Denying” - Grace Teaches us to say NO.**

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### ***Denying ungodliness***

***Saying No*** to that which is not of God/against God.

A change in Attitude, Appetite, Ambition, and Action.

Teaching=Disciplining

Involves the Negative & Positive (1 Jn 2:15-17)

***Denying Worldly Lusts-*** Our FLESH! (Rom 7:18)

### **Living in Our Present**

***(Vs 12b) we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;***

***Grace “Teaches” (vs 12) To say YES to Godly Things***

(1 Cor 6:9-11)

***Live-***we work daily on the positive.

(Eph 4:17-20)

***Grace didn’t teach us to live this king of Christian life.***

(Eph 4:22-24)

**We Christians may live in this present age, but we are not to live Like this present age.**

Christ has redeemed us from it (Gal 1:4)

Learning to walk in Christ, taught by Grace, means that we will, first of all, be taught ***HOW*** to Say ***NO!*** and ***WHAT to Say NO TO!***

Ours are to be BIBLE Standards

Not Politically Correct, but Scripturally Correct.

Grace Teaches us to SAY YES to

Sober Living

Righteous Living

Godly Living

***in this present world;*** God knows what year it is.

And we must not allow ourselves to be conformed to it.

(Rom 12:1-2)

**Neither should we live according to its standards.**

(Eph 2:2) *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

Conformed to God’s Standards of God’s Values.

Values are Subjective to what a person believes or feels.

***Illus: Wealthy Lady on the Titanic, 3 oranges***

Virtues are specific to God’s views.

Virtues are Timeless, because God is Timeless.

### **Looking For Our Future**

***13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;***

This is Our Exit Strategy

*We are looking for Jesus to return.*

*This verse boldly proclaims Christ as our God.*

**No! Yes! Maybe Today!**

***14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (1 Pet [2:24](#))***

Good Works:

*Illus: My Cabbie in New York.*

*4pm Prayer 1500 People*

*4am had 900 Men*

Can you imagine.

Grace teaches us to be Zealous of Good Works

***15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.***

These are the Truths that Titus was to teach the mature Christian and to model for the young Christian.

Our Church's strength lies in the spiritual walk & influence of its mature believers teaching & modeling to the younger.