

## PRAYER

- Thank God for His work in you and that He has made you pure. Pray that you will be reminded that He has given you the power to say no to sin.
- Ask God for the grace to live a holy life every day. Pray that He will strengthen your resolve to follow Him in the midst of this fallen world.
- Pray for your family, friends, or community that have yet to encounter God's sanctifying grace. Pray that they will know of and receive His free gift of righteousness.

## NOTES

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## Sanctifying Grace

WEEK 2

### WARM-UP

- Tell us about one food you hated as a child but now love.
- If you had the chance to learn a new skill or study again, what would you choose? Why?
- What is one bad habit you have broken? How did you do it?

**WORD** *<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

**TITUS 2:11-14**

Because of God's grace, we have been made righteous in His sight. But this is not all that grace can do. Through grace, we are also being sanctified—transformed and saved from the power of sin. It is only grace that can change us from the inside out. God's saving grace brings salvation, and true salvation transforms us continually to Christlikeness. How does God's sanctifying grace transform us?



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## 1 | God's grace teaches us to reject sin.

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age . . . **TITUS 2:11,12**

Left to ourselves, we won't be able to say no to sin or resist temptation. That's why the *grace of God has appeared*. His grace enables us to reject sin and worldly desires. Before, we couldn't help but give in to temptations, but by His grace, sin loses its hold on us and we desire it no longer. How have you seen this in your life?

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## 3 | God's grace purifies us for Himself.

<sup>13</sup>. . . waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**TITUS 2:13,14**

God has a purpose for sanctifying us. He purifies us for Himself, the way a bride is prepared for the bridegroom. He wants to have a relationship with us. He redeems and purifies us from within. This is sanctification: to be set apart and made pure for Him. God is ultimately preparing His people to be with Him. How does the truth that God wants to have a relationship with you change the way you relate with Him?

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## 2 | God's grace enables us to live holy lives.

<sup>12</sup> . . . to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ . . . **TITUS 2:12,13**

His sanctifying grace means that day by day, we are transformed more into His glory. We can *live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives* in the midst of this sinful world. We cannot lead a holy life alone. However, God has the power to present us blameless (Jude 24). Why do we need to be holy? (1 Peter 1:15,16)

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## APPLICATION

- What are some temptations that are hard for you to refuse? How can you rely on God's grace to overcome this struggle?
- Living a holy life is possible when we rely on God's grace to be more like Christ. What are two to three steps you can take to be more like Jesus this week?
- Think of a family member or friend who needs to know that God has freely given us His grace so that we can say no to sin. How can you encourage this person to live a life that is holy before God?