等候有福的盼望

"WAITING FOR OUR BLESSED HOPE"

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經文 Verse: 提多書二章 1-15 節 (Titus 2:1-15)

主題 Theme: 基督徒是一個我們從未見過的國度的大使。

Christians are ambassadors from a country we have not yet seen.

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◆ 提多書二章 1 節「你所講的總要合乎那健全的教導。」(Titus 2:1)

◆ 提多書三章 15 節「這些事你要講明‧要充分運用你的職權勸勉人‧責備人。不要 讓任何人輕看你。」(Titus 2:15)

一、對不同群體的基督徒各有指示

Instructions for Different Groups of Christians

- ◆ 提多書三章 2 節「勸老年人要有節制、端正、克己,在信心、愛心、耐心上都要健全。」(Titus 2:2)
- ◆ 提多書三章 3-4 節「又要勸年長的婦女在操守上恭正,不說讒言,不作酒的奴隸, 用善道教導人,好指教年輕的婦女。」(Titus 2:3-4)
- ◆ 提多書三章 4-5 節「好指教年輕的婦女愛丈夫,愛兒女,克己,貞潔,理家,善良,順服自己的丈夫。」(Titus 2:4-5)
- ◆ 提多書二章 5 節「免得上帝的道被毀謗。」(Titus 2:5)
- ◆ 提多書二章 6 節「同樣,要勸年輕人凡事克己。」(Titus 2:6)
- ◆ 提多書二章 7-8 節「你要顯出自己是好行為的榜樣,在教導上要正直、莊重, 言語健全,無可指責,使那反對的人,因說不出我們有甚麼不好而自覺羞愧。」 (Titus 2:7-8)
- ◆ 提多書三章 9-10 節「要勸僕人順服自己的主人,凡事討他的喜悅,不可頂撞他, 不可私竊財物;要凡事顯出完美的忠誠,好事事都能榮耀我們救主上帝的教導。」 (Titus 2:9-10)

二、我們的行為應該榮耀上帝的教導

Our Behavior Should Adorn the Doctrine

- ◆ 提多書二章 5 節「免得上帝的道被毀謗。」(Titus 2:5)
- ◆ 提多書三章 8 節「使那反對的人,因說不出我們有甚麼不好而自覺羞愧。」 (Titus 2:8)
- ◆ 提多書二章 10 節「好事事都能榮耀我們救主上帝的教導。」(Titus 2:10)

三、耶穌的死就是為了救我們脫離罪惡

Jesus Died to Redeem Us From Lawlessness

◆ 提多書三章 14 節「為我們的緣故捨己,為了要贖我們脫離一切罪惡,又潔淨我們作他自己的子民,熱心為善。」(Titus 2:14)

四、上帝的恩典已經顯明

God's Grace Has Already Appeared

◆ 提多書三章 11-12 節「上帝救眾人的恩典已經顯明出來‧訓練我們除去不敬虔的 心和世俗的情慾,在今世過克己、正直、敬虔的生活。」(Titus 2:11-12)

五、 我們在等候一個有福的盼望

We Are Waiting for Our Blessed Hope

◆ 提多書三章 13 節「等候福樂的盼望,並等候至大的上帝和我們的救主耶穌基督的 榮耀顯現。」(Titus 2:13)

反思及討論問題 Questions for Meditation and Discussion

- 1. 當你在聽這篇講道時‧聖靈是否有對你說話呢? 祂在對你說什麼?
 As you listened to this sermon, was the Holy Spirit speaking to you? What was he saying?
- 2. 柯牧師並沒有花時間解釋描述老年人和年長婦女的每個形容詞。你如何理解這些形容詞: "節制、端正、克己,在信心、愛心、耐心上健全、在操守上恭正"? Pastor David did not take time to define all of the words used to describe older men and older women. How do you understand these words: sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness, reverent in behavior? Can you think of people who exemplify these virtues?
- 3. 保羅明顯希望提多親自教導老年人、年長婦女、和年輕人。他並沒有期待提多教導年輕的婦女。對於年輕婦女的教導,保羅較希望用什麼方式?你在這個計畫中看到什麼樣的智慧? Paul apparently expects Titus to teach the older men, older women, and younger men himself. He does not expect him to teach the younger women. What is Paul's preferred arrangement for ensuring that the younger women are taught? What wisdom do you see in this plan?
- 4. 保羅反覆使用"克己"一詞。"克己"應用在說話上意味著什麼?應用在性行為上?使用時間上?使用金錢上?還有哪些其他生活層面,上帝希望我們展現"克己"?Paul frequently uses the term "self-controlled." What does that mean in regard to speech?Sexuality? Use of time and money? In what other areas of life does God want us to exhibit self-
- 5. 保羅列舉了好幾個基督徒應努力追求好行為的原因。這些原因中哪一個最能讓你產生動力? 為什麼?
 - 1事事榮耀我們救主上帝的教導。 (第10節)
 - 2 使反對福音的人自覺羞愧。(第8節)
 - 3 耶穌為了救贖我們、使我們成為聖潔,捨了自己。(第14節)
 - 4 上帝的恩典已經顯明,並教導我們聖潔。(第11-12節)
 - 5 耶穌要再來。 (第 13 節).

control?

Paul gives several reasons for Christians to pursue honorable behavior. We are to "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior" (v. 10) and put opponents of the gospel to shame (v. 8). Jesus gave himself to redeem a holy people (14). God's grace has already appeared to us, and it teaches us to be holy (11-12). Christ is coming again (13). Which of these reasons has the greatest power to motivate you? Why?

6. 對這段經文你還有沒有任何想法或感受,想和小組分享的?

Do you have any other thoughts about this passage that you would like to share with your small group?