THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION TITUS 2:11

Introduction:

- A. How could these people be all that God wanted them to be
 - 1. Aged men, women, young women, men, and the slaves.
 - 2. An impossible task in the flesh.
- b. God does not save and abandon!
 - The same grace that brings salvation will bless and impower.
 - 2. We do not begin in grace and finish in the Law.

I. "THE GRACE OF GOD."

- A. grace = charis = It is hardly too much to say that the mind of God has in no word uttered itself and all that is in His heart more distinctly than in this.
 - Implies a favor freely done, without claim or expectation of return.
 - 2. Aristotle lays the whole stress on this very point, conferred freely, with no expectation of neturn, its only motive in the againty and free-heartedness of
 - 3. In Pagan Greece, conferred on a friend.
 - 4. It is not stronger than sin but structurally different. Not better than the Law, but different. In the New Testament it takes a leap forward, acquires an added meaning. At Calvary He died for a race that did not love Him, but hated!
 - God became the Just and Justifier. Judge stepped down from judgment throne to die for those judged guillty. Romans 3:26.

II. "THAT BRINGETH SALVATION."

- A. God thought it, God brought it.
 - 1. Son of Man is come to seek and to save.
 - 2. He is the "bringer" of salvation.
- B. bringeth salvation = soterios.
 - 1. salvation = deliverance = preservation, delivering.
- C. It had been promised at the foundation of the world, now it is delivered.

III. "HATH APPEARED."

- A. epephane = to appear, become visible, to become clearly known.
 - 1. It is as the Sun rising, appearing.
 - 2. Now you can see it.
 - 3. Jesus, you can see Him!

IV. "TO ALL MEN."

- A. To whom does this bringer of salvation appear?
 - Mal. 4:2, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings
- B. Heb. 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
 - 1. rewarder = a payer in full wages.
 - diligently = to seek out, search out.
- C. Rom. 3:20-27 [verse 26 Just and Justifier]