

# The Correspondent

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM

Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM

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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## God's Training Grace III

- Renn Ferguson

**T**his week we will be finishing up our discussion on God's training grace. Last week we noticed that His grace trains us to renounce ungodliness, worldly passions, and to live self-controlled. Let us notice the remainder of this passage (Titus 2:11-12).

**... upright ...** This term of course means that one is living justly or righteously. In fact, that is how the KJV and NKJV translate that word. This is what Paul encourages Timothy to pursue (2 Timothy 2:22). We must strive to do what is right in God's eyes. When we do this, we are righteous even as He is righteous (1 John 3:7).

**... and godly lives in the present age ...** Much like our world today, the world of the first century was filled with immorality. We must, regardless of the influences of around us live a god-like life (Acts 2:40, Philippians 2:15).

Paul then states that we are to do these things "waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 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."

Christ will return one day, yet we do not know when (2 Peter 3:10). This is why we must continue to practice these things as we eagerly wait for His return. Let us live so that we may be ready!

*For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:13-15)*

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