

Titus 2:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men—γάρ (gar, for) signals theological foundation for the ethics (2:1-10). ἐπεφάνη (epephanē, has appeared/dawned) recalls the Epiphany—Christ's incarnation making invisible grace visible. ἡ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡ σωτήριος (hē charis tou theou hē sōtērios, the saving grace of God). πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις (pasin anthrōpois, to all men) doesn't mean universalism but universal offer—the gospel goes to all people groups, not just Jews.

Grace (χάρις, charis) is God's unmerited favor, the entire gospel in one word. It appeared historically in Christ, offers salvation freely, and (crucially, v. 12) teaches godliness. Grace isn't opposed to holiness but produces it. Antinomianism falsely divorces grace from obedience; Paul unites them. The same grace that saves also sanctifies.

Historical Context

Against Jewish particularism limiting salvation to Abraham's physical descendants, Paul proclaims universal gospel scope. Against pagan works-righteousness, Paul grounds salvation in God's grace, not human merit. Against antinomian libertines, Paul insists grace teaches godly living. This verse anchors Christian ethics in gospel indicatives.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Do you view grace as merely forensic (justification) or also transformative (sanctification)—both pardon and power?
2. How does the universality of gospel grace affect your evangelism—is anyone beyond its reach?
3. In what ways have you perverted grace into license, using freedom as occasion for the flesh?

Interlinear Text

Ἐπεφάνη γὰρ ἡ χάρις τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ σωτήριος
hath appeared For the grace of God that bringeth salvation
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πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις

to all men
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Additional Cross-References

1 Timothy 2:4 (Salvation): Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Ephesians 2:8 (Salvation): For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Isaiah 45:22 (Salvation): Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Hebrews 2:9 (Grace): But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Ephesians 2:5 (Salvation): Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

2 Thessalonians 2:16 (Grace): Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

Isaiah 52:10 (Salvation): The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

John 1:14 (Grace): And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Psalms 84:11 (Grace): For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Romans 5:15 (Grace): But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.