

“Christmas: Past, Present and Future”

Titus 2:11-14

Christmas Past: A Word of Grace - vs. 11

-When God looked at the rebellion of the world against His love, His plan, His purpose, He did not send a word of condemnation, but a word of grace.

-It was an epiphany - an "appearing" - Jesus is the grace of God in person.

Christmas Present: A Word of Abundant Life - vs. 12

-Receiving God's grace by receiving Jesus as Savior opens the door to Christmas present – the gift of abundant living.

-God wants our relationship with Him to affect the way we live everyday; a visible result of the presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

-Self-Control: a disciplined life; a growing correspondence between what we say we believe and what we really do.

-Uprightness: our conduct, doing what is right in God's eyes

-Godly Living: a walk of fellowship with God that produces a display of God's character in our lives.

Christmas Future: A Word of Hope - vs. 13

-The Christian life is not an exercise in futility, or just "making it", but a life of confidence.

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