



Grace Alone: The Warm Fire of God's Love and Mercy

Titus 2:11-14 with Richard Sibbes

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The Bruised Reed and the Smoking Flax

Isaiah 42:3 and Matthew 12:20

A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.



**“Speaking into the culture of introspection and moral self-reliance, Sibbes ...aimed at
“binding up the broken heart.”**

Sibbes sought to draw his audience’s eyes from their own hearts to the Savior, “since God’s love resteth on Christ, as well pleased in him, we may gather that he is well pleased with us if we be in Christ.””

-Michael Reeves

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Savior like a shepherd lead us, much we
need thy tender care...



He could not be thankful, cheerful,
rejoicing and strong in faith, since he
believed only in God as a judge who was
against him. (of Luther)





The Council of Trent

--- Canon XXX. If any one shall say, that, after the grace of justification received, unto every penitent sinner the guilt is so remitted, and the penalty of eternal punishment so blotted out, that there remains not any penalty of temporal punishment, to be discharged either in this world, or in the next in purgatory, before the entrance to the kingdom of heaven can be laid open; let him be anathema.



**Rom 8:1 (ESV) There is therefore now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus.**



Heb 10:22-23 (ESV) 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.



“This may serve for a trial to discern who may lay just claim to Christ's mercy. Only those that will take his yoke and count it a greater happiness to be under his government than to enjoy any liberty of the flesh; that will take whole Christ, and not single out of him what may stand with their present contentment;



that will not divide Lord from Jesus,
and so make a Christ of their own, may
make this claim. None ever did truly
desire mercy for pardon but desired
mercy for healing. David prays for a
new spirit, as well as for a sense of
pardoning mercy (Psa. 51:10).

- Richard Sibbes,
The Bruised Reed, loc. 1173



However, let us remember that grace is increased, in the exercise of it, not by virtue of the exercise itself, but as Christ by his Spirit flows into the soul and brings us nearer to himself, the fountain, so instilling such comfort that the heart is further enlarged.

- Richard Sibbes,
The Bruised Reed, loc. 1043



And when we feel ourselves cold in affection and duty, the best way is to warm ourselves at this fire of his love and mercy in giving himself for us.

-Richard Sibbes,
The Bruised Reed, loc. 1190



Grace



The Grace of God has appeared:



The Grace of God has appeared:

**Bringing...
Training...
Waiting...**



The Grace of God has appeared:

Bringing...past and present

Training...present

Waiting...future



The Grace of God has appeared:

Bringing salvation for all people



The Grace of God has appeared:

Training us...

to renounce ungodliness...

to live godly lives...



The Grace of God has appeared:

Waiting for our blessed Hope...



The Grace of God has appeared:

Waiting for our blessed Hope...

Who gave Himself for us



The Grace of God has appeared:

Waiting for our blessed hope...

Who gave Himself for us

- to redeem

- to purify



The Grace of God has appeared:

He gave Himself for us. He gave, we received.

**He redeemed us. He redeemed, we were
purchased.**

He purifies. He washes, we are cleansed.



Romans 4:4-5 4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ... 5 and to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.



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The Grace of God has appeared:

Waiting for our blessed hope...

Him (in His glory)

Himself!!



2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Titus 2:11-14



11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,



Titus 2:11-14

14 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.