

SERMON NOTES JANUARY 24, 2010

God Sightings *Bob McCoy*

Introduction – Seeing the evidences of God’s work in the world

Text – Titus 2:11-15

Main Idea – In this text Paul notes three truths about the nature of God’s appearings in our world:

I. The Universality of God’s saving grace – “it has come to all men”

The metaphor of “grace” as an epiphany – a unique characteristic of God’s character and a figure of speech to help us understand Jesus’ character and work...

- A. God’s grace appears in His creative workings
- B. God’s grace appears in His agreements with us
- C. God’s grace appears in His coming(s) to us

Apply – Have you seen God’s appearings?

II. The Utility of God’s saving grace – “it teaches us”

- A. The radical “No!” – to ungodliness & worldly passions
- B. The radical “Yes!” – to live self-controlled, upright, & godly lives

Cretan/Greek cultural digression

- [1] the brutality of slavery – people as machines for production
- [2] the acceptance of pederasty – children as means to pleasure
- [3] the dysfunction of marriage – women as mere means to procreation

Huge Point – God’s grace not only saves but continues to save!

III. the Ultimate End of God’s saving grace – Jesus’ return/appearing enables us

- A. to live purely
- B. to live eagerly
- C. to speak encouragingly
- D. to rebuke authoritatively

Conclusion – Has God appeared to you?

...once for salvation...daily for living in a “lost world”...