

# Titus 2

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## **At the threshold of Temptation**

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds. **(Titus 2:11-14)**

In chapter two Paul changes the subject from elders and leadership to the fellowship of people in the church. Our relationships in the church reveal a lot about what we believe. Sound doctrinal preaching should lead to humility, submission, and love. We should have respect from the younger to the elder. Patience and godly teaching from the elders to the younger.

A key to the text is Sound Doctrine: The term sound means “healthy.” Paul uses this word nine times in the pastoral epistles (five times in Titus), and always in the sense that the truth produces spiritual well-being. The “things which are proper for sound doctrine” that Paul mentions pertain to truths, attitudes, and actions based on biblical principles. In order not only to please God but also to have an effective witness to unbelievers, God’s people must know the truth that leads to spiritual health. Doctrinal unity, clearly and completely based on Scripture, must be the foundation of all church life. A weak commitment to doctrine or disunity of doctrine will severely weaken a church and destroy its true unity. In its place, there can be only shallow sentimentalism or superficial harmony. **(MacArthur)** “The reason for such holy living is bound up in God’s redemptive plan. This is the heart of the letter, emphasizing that God’s sovereign purpose in calling out elders and in commanding His people to live reverently with one another is to bear witness to God’s plan of salvation.” **(MacArthur)**

Lord, thank you for your salvation plan from the penalty, the power, and the presence of sin. Help us to not back down but speak with truth and love.