

Titus 2:11-14

The Train & the Tracks Illustration!

In (1-10) we looked at a load of **instructions**. The track

In (11-14) we have the **incentive**. The engine

The structure of these few verses goes something like this

- In (11) Paul tells us that the grace of God **has** appeared
 - And in (12) he tells us **what** grace teaches us
- In (13) Paul tells us that the glory of God **will** appear
 - And in (14) he tells us **how** grace teaches us

Notice a couple of things

First, Christians live between two significant appearances.

- In (11) there's the appearance of the grace of God.
- In (13) there is the appearance of the glory of our God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

But the big question is this, how do you get bad people to do good things?

Secondly, notice that the correspondence between (12) & (14)

- In (12) Christians renounce ungodliness and worldly passions and that corresponds in (14) to being redeemed from all wickedness.
- In (12) Christians embrace self-controlled, upright and godly lives and that corresponds in (14) with being purified as a people who are eager to do what is good.

And so, Paul provides two incentives to motivate us to keep the instructions. Here are two reasons to be good and do good!

1. **We say 'no' to ungodliness because we've been redeemed by Jesus**

2. **We say 'yes' to godliness because we've been purified by Jesus**

Conclusion

What difference is this going to make?