

Youth Bible Study Lesson 32 The Word be not blasphemed

All of the instructions to the younger women in Titus 2:4 & 5 are for a purpose. Read verse 5, what is that purpose? "...that the _____ of _____ be not _____." The world stands at the ready to point the accusing finger at believers. "You say you're a Christian and you do that!" Comes the fault finding challenge of the unbeliever. Many of us have heard these types of statements. "Christians are just a bunch of hypocrites." "Their God, their Bible, their beliefs haven't changed them one bit."

We know that carnal believers will stand as no excuse for the unbeliever's unbelief on judgment day. Rom. 1:20 tells us "...even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are _____:" We know that according to Rev. 20:12 that the unbeliever will be "judged out of the things which were _____ in the _____, according to _____."

However, we as believers, are an _____ "known and _____ of all men" in II Cor. 3:2. As believers we are Christ's letter to the world. In vs. 3 we read "...declared to be the _____ of _____." Not written with ink but penned by the _____ of the _____ God." Our lives are but instruments that have been transformed by God! Our sufficiency for godliness comes from _____ in II Cor. 3:5.

What do people read when they behold our life? Do they see the God of all grace, kindness, love and mercy? Do they see the power of the word of God working effectually in our lives? Consider some of the things said about the saints. Rom. 1:8. "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your _____ is _____ of _____ the _____."

I Thess. 1:8 "For from you _____ out the _____ of the _____ not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in _____ your _____ to God-ward is spread _____;..."

God wants what He does evidenced to the world. Think back to some of God's wondrous works and the effect God desired them to have.

· When David came before Goliath, before he killed him, David said: I Sam. 17:46 "This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will _____ thee, and take thine _____ from thee; ...that all the _____ may _____ that there is a _____ in _____."

· Speaking of the passing over the waters of Jordan on dry ground and the parting of the Red Sea, Joshua says in Josh. 4:24 "That _____ the _____ of the _____ might know the hand of the Lord, that it is _____: that ye might fear the Lord your God for ever."

· Read I Kings 8:42, 43 "For they shall _____ of thy _____ name, and of thy _____ hand...vs. 43 ...that all _____ of the _____ may know thy name, to _____ thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may _____ that this _____, which I have builded, is called by thy name."

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Solomon wanted the temple of the Lord to stand before the heathen as

a witness to the great God he served.

· And Moses said to Pharaoh in Ex. 9:16 speaking of the plagues God brings on Egypt, "And in very deed for this cause have I _____ thee up, for to _____ in thee my _____; and that my _____ may be _____ throughout _____ the _____."

God is doing a greater work today than all these wonderous miracles we just read about. God is setting forth His Son today as the propitiation (fully satisfying sacrifice) for the sins of the world. Christ alone, the one who was able to pay the sin debt of the world thereby allowing the justice of Almighty God to pronounce as righteous sinners like you and me. Read Rom. 3:25 and 26 "Whom God hath _____ to be a _____ through faith in his _____, to declare his _____... vs. 26 To _____, I say, at this time his _____: that he might be _____, and the _____ of him which _____ in _____."

Dear friend, God has done the mightiest of all His works when He gave His Son to redeem, to purchase us! Only God could make a sinner a saint, give eternal life to the spiritually dead, indwell our bodies and making us new creatures, translate us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of His own dear Son. Oh that the world would see God's great work in us. And did you know that we are on display to the heavenly host? Eph. 3:10 says "To the intent that now unto the _____ and _____ in _____ places might be known by the _____ the manifold _____ of God." As the angels behold us they marvel and are in awe of the wisdom of God in providing a Saviour that unleashed the grace of God on a God hating, sin loving, wicked, undeserving people.

The church is a mighty work of God. The forming of a new entity, separate from Israel, whereby God now has a heavenly people with which He will subdue all things in the heavenly places is a fact that even the angels stand in reverence of. God is the one who has performed this great work.

II Cor. 5:17, 18 "Therefore if any man be _____ Christ, he is a _____, old things are _____; behold, all things are become _____. Vs. 18 And _____ things are of _____..."

Col. 1:12, 13 "Giving thanks unto the _____, which hath made us _____ (fit) to be _____ of the _____ of the _____ in light:" vs. 13 Who hath delivered us from the _____ of _____, and hath _____ (moved, changed) us into the _____ of his dear Son:"

What a work God has done in us! The work was accomplished through the hearing of the word of God, believed on in our heart.

We the church, the living epistles of Christ, known and read of all men. So, what are people reading in us? Is God's great redemptive work on display for all to see? Are all

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the traits of godliness in Titus 2 being formed in us that evidence to the world the mighty work that God and His word have accomplished in our life? If not, what is the consequence? Our verse in Titus 2:5 tells us. The

word of God is _____. Spoken evil of. God esteems His word above His _____ in Ps. 138:2. In Matt. 24:35 what will pass away? _____ and _____. What will not pass away? _____ In Job 23:12 what does Job esteem? The _____ of his _____. Job esteems this more than his _____ food.

In Ps. 12:6, 7 the words of the Lord are _____ and preserved from this generation _____."

Let us not live in such a way as to bring blasphemy on what God so highly treasures. But rather let us live lives that declare the wondrous work of God in us!

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