

**Hope of Christ's Return**  
**Titus 2:11-15**  
**1-1-23**

**Hope – A confident expectation and desire for something good in the future.**

**Aspects of Christ's character that bring hope to believers:**

**I. The Appearing of Grace.**

Titus 2:11,12,14 – *"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age... 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."*

**Four purposes of Christ's first coming.**

**1. To save us.**

Titus 2:11 – *"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people..."*

**2. To train us.**

Titus 2:12 – *"...training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age..."*

~ To renounce sin.

~ To live Godly.

**3. To redeem us.**

Titus 2:14 – *"...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."*

**4. To purify us.**

**II. The Appearing of Glory.**

Titus 2:13 – *"...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ..."*

**Without waiting there is no hope!**

## **Four truths of Christ's second coming.**

### **1. It is certain.** (Jesus said so)

Mark 14:62 – *"And Jesus said, 'I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.'"*

John 14:2-3 – *"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."*

### **2. It is final.**

John 5:28-29 – *"Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."*

### **3. It is motivating.**

1 John 3:2-3 – *"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure."*

### **4. It is incomparable.**

Romans 8:18 – *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."*

## **GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK**

1. When was a time in your life that waiting for God to act seemed impossible?
2. How did you keep your hope in Him alive during that time?
3. How does your hope in Christ's return affect your behavior?
4. What gives you the most hope about Christ's second coming?
5. How would you like to grow in Christ in 2023? Be specific.