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Living Righteously

As we continue in our study of Titus 2:11-12, we move from living soberly to living righteously. “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”

To be righteous is to be just or equitable in accordance with divine law. It has the idea of being in line with or straight on with the law, to be impartial, not leaning to one side or the other. By implication, if there is a right way to live, there must also be a wrong way to live. But how does one determine what is right or wrong?

We live in a world that hates absolutes. The world is constantly preaching that everything is relative. As believers we must remember that God’s Word is absolute. It is the inerrant, inspired Word of God which is to govern our lives. Righteous living is living in obedience to God’s Word.

Take a moment to read Psalm 19:7-14. Verse 11 reveals that God’s Word serves as a warning, and when obeyed, leads to great reward. How many times have you found yourself in a difficult situation, because you failed to listen or heed a warning? Psalm 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Why do we need a lamp or a light? Because we are walking in darkness. Without the light of God’s Word it is impossible to see clearly and thus live righteously. In every decision we make, in every step we take, we need the wisdom and counsel of God’s Word.