

The welcome verse for this week is 2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”



A Communal Christlikeness
Titus 2:1-15

The Bottom Line: Christ redefines our creed, character, and conduct.

Introduction:

Our church is on a journey of becoming wholly holy.

There is both an active and a passive engagement with our own sanctification (growth in Christlikeness).

You play a role in your own spiritual maturity. In obedience to the Lord, we must move toward that which we have not fully attained (Philippians 3:12-16).

Tension:

The culture surrounding us is consistently investing into our beliefs, our formation, and our work.

Many believers settle for a mediocre and base level knowledge of the Lord because they do not counter it with truth and godliness.

Truth:

We must train ourselves for godliness/Christlikeness (1 Timothy 4:8). This requires proper understanding of God and discipline in our livelihood.

Few texts reveal the connection between those two convictions like our text today.

Read Titus 2.

Application & Conclusion:

Christ redefines our creed, character, and conduct. We must be careful, then, about what we allow to infiltrate and influence us. Holy orthodoxy feeds into holy orthopraxy. Are we supplementing and counteracting all the investment of outside influences with God's truth and instruction? God is building a family of people unto himself, pursuing righteousness and good deeds. If that is what we are after, then exhortation and rebuke are both necessary functions in the body – for the glory of God and the sanctity of his Church.

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?

4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....