

Adorning the Doctrine of God our Saviour

Titus 2:6-15

In Titus chapter 2 (verses 9-10) Paul had certain instructions for slaves. They were to obey their masters and please them in all things. They were not to “answer again” or talk back to them argumentatively. They were not to engage in purloining (stealing) from their masters as was the case with Onesimus. Slaves were to show all good fidelity to their masters, being trustworthy and faithful. That brings us to a fascinating statement in verse 10, “**that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.**”

To adorn means to beautify, to make attractive, to decorate, to garnish. Paul wanted these slaves to make the doctrines of God attractive, to put God’s teachings on display so that others could see how beautiful it is when a believer walks in truth.

Consider how this word “adorn” is used elsewhere. It is used of **garnishing** or adorning a tomb, even though the inside of the tomb is filled with dead men’s bones and all uncleanness (*Matt. 23:27,29*). Herod’s gorgeous temple was **adorned** with beautiful stones (*Luke 21:5*). Christian women are to **adorn** themselves in modest apparel. A woman does not need to show off her body to be attractive. There’s a different kind of beauty that comes from dressing modestly.



The New Jerusalem is likened to “a bride **adorned** for her husband” (*Rev. 21:2*) Most brides do not go to their wedding in a sweat shirt and tennis shoes! The foundation of that new city will be **garnished** or adorned with all manner of precious stones (*Rev. 21:19*). How beautiful that city will be!

As we practice the truth, God’s doctrine will be adorned. We make God’s truth attractive by our obedience. How can we make the Bible beautiful? Obey it, live it, follow it, put it to work, practice it and be a doer of the Word!

~George Zeller: www.middletonbiblechurch.org



Adorning the Doctrine of God our Saviour

Titus 2:6-15

In Titus chapter 2 (verses 9-10) Paul had certain instructions for slaves. They were to obey their masters and please them in all things. They were not to “answer again” or talk back to them argumentatively. They were not to engage in purloining (stealing) from their masters as was the case with Onesimus. Slaves were to show all good fidelity to their masters, being trustworthy and faithful. That brings us to a fascinating statement in verse 10, “**that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.**”

To adorn means to beautify, to make attractive, to decorate, to garnish. Paul wanted these slaves to make the doctrines of God attractive, to put God’s teachings on display so that others could see how beautiful it is when a believer walks in truth.

Consider how this word “adorn” is used elsewhere. It is used of **garnishing** or adorning a tomb, even though the inside of the tomb is filled with dead men’s bones and all uncleanness (*Matt. 23:27,29*). Herod’s gorgeous temple was **adorned** with beautiful stones (*Luke 21:5*). Christian women are to **adorn** themselves in modest apparel. A woman does not need to show off her body to be attractive. There’s a different kind of beauty that comes from dressing modestly.



The New Jerusalem is likened to “a bride **adorned** for her husband” (*Rev. 21:2*) Most brides do not go to their wedding in a sweat shirt and tennis shoes! The foundation of that new city will be **garnished** or adorned with all manner of precious stones (*Rev. 21:19*). How beautiful that city will be!

As we practice the truth, God’s doctrine will be adorned. We make God’s truth attractive by our obedience. How can we make the Bible beautiful? Obey it, live it, follow it, put it to work, practice it and be a doer of the Word!

~George Zeller: www.middletonbiblechurch.org

