



**Grace. No Buts About It  
Titus 2:11-14**

**Ice Breaker:**

Choose one...

Resolutions:

1. I make them every year.
2. I never make them.
3. I actually have made changes in my life using New Years' resolutions.
4. People who make them irritate me.

**Questions:**

1. Using the chart below explain "Grace, but..."
2. Using the chart below expand on the meaning of "But Grace..."

"GRACE, but . . ."	"But GRACE . . ."
One is about . . . <b>Reimbursing God</b>	The other is about . . . <b>Disregarding God</b>
One . . . <b>Strives</b>	The other . . . <b>Drifts</b>
One says . . . <b>What God requires is my business!</b>	The other says . . . <b>What I do is my business!</b>
One seeks to . . . <b>Save myself!</b>	The other seeks to . . . <b>Indulge myself!</b>

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

<sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the **appearing** of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> 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. *Titus 2:11-14*

3. Discuss as a group the meaning and implications of each of the underlined words or phrases in the text above.
4. Replace the words in **GREEN** with similar words selected by the group. Then read to them their collective paraphrase.
5. In 1722 Jonathan Edwards authored a list of 70 Resolutions which began...*“Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to enable me to keep these Resolutions . . .”*

With number 30 being...

*Resolved, to strive to my utmost every week to be brought . . . to a higher exercise of grace, than I was the week before.*

What does being brought to a higher exercise of grace than you were the previous week look like in your life?