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# Be Sober

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"BE SOBER" \*TITUS 2:11-15.

INT: Request sermon. From someone who has been concerned with souls many years. "Tell us what the Lord says about BEING SOBER!"

N.T. ANALYSIS: Idea found 18 times.

SOBER-12. Soberly-2. Soberness-1. Sobriety-2. Sober-minded-1.

ADDRESSED TO: All Christians. Elders. Deacon's wives. Aged men. Women. Young women and to young men. *Deacons' wives!*

COMPOSIT IDEA:

*Not more than tee-totalism. (Safe!)*

1. Live a temperate life by controlling the mind. To elders. I Tim. 3:2. Tit. 1:8.
2. Keep a constant rein on all our passions, appetites and desires. I Tim. 2:9 & 15.
3. Thought-control or Training your mind to function in conformity with the Mind of Christ. Titus 2:12.
4. Watchfulness or being spiritually sensitive to the fact that death/or the Lord's coming is an unrevealed event. **ALWAYS BE READY !!!**

I. OUR STUDY: TITUS 2:11-15.

A. GRACE: appeared to all men! John 3:16.

1. Eph. 2:8-10. "Grace is a combination of all the noble attributes of God!" - & man.  
 Ill. Alexander Woollcott lecturing in a Midwestern City. Women, well over 70, said "I was encouraged to speak to you because you said you liked old ladies! His reply: "Yes I do, but I also like ladies your age too!" A friend forever. **GRACE.**  
**GOD OUR FRIEND FOREVER!!! John 3:16! E.L.!!!**

✓ Note: Grace to those who live SOBERLY!

B. DENIAL: V. 12. Sobriety is self-restraint.

1. \*I Thess. 5:21-23 describes the process of sobriety. Prove. Abstain. Sanctify....

C. SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY & GODLY. V. 12.

1. Bible defines its own terms best. V. 12.
2. Sober living involves two DAILY exercises:
  - a. V. 13. Looking for blessed Hope. Think!
  - b. V. 13. Looking for glorious appearing.

Ill. Commend to you the attitude of Dr.

G. Campbell Morgan: "To me the 2nd coming of Jesus is the perpetual light on my path which

makes THIS life bearable. I NEVER lay my head on my pillow without thinking that.....mayke... before the morning breaks, the final morning shall have dawned with Jesus. I NEVER begin my work without thinking that, perhaps..... Jesus may interrupt my tasks and begin His own great eternal work. I do not find myself looking for death...I find myself anxiously looking for Jesus. (Knt.II. P. 602.)

**D.** PECULIAR.\*V. 14. Defined: GR. PERI-PO-IESIS or "Beyond Ordinary!!!" Sober-minded Christians are beyond ordinary. Why? *Zealous! Ready! Busy!*  
1. They KNOW they are a:GR. "Purchased possession"  
A divine acquisition! God's own possession.

2. V. 14. "Who gave Himself for us! redeem us!!!

Ill. Calcutta India newspaper article: Young rich Brahman came to American missionary's home. "Read me your Bible!" Why? "Because, much I hear about Christianity I find in Hinduism; love others be kind, help poor etc. BUT, there is ONE thing in your Christianity which our HINDUISM does NOT have!" "Yes, what is that?" "A loving Savior like this man, Jesus! I want to know ALL about Him." (Knt. II. p. 598.)

Ill. Blind man in London told the story best. Standing on Sunday on bridge at the City Road canal. Reading in Acts 4 in his braile Bible to any who would listen. An American listening. The reading: "Neither is there salvation in any other! for there is none other name....." Then he turned his page and the WIND caught the pages and he struggled to re-find his place. As he fumbled for his place, he kept repeating.."none other name...none other name...none other name." Acts 4:12. Impressed the American's life!!!!

INV. I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE WHOLE PASSAGE NOW:

"for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby WE must be saved."

1. Request: Please BE SOBER! THINK CLEARLY! GET HOLD OF YOUR MIND! TURN TO JESUS..... that's what Being Sober means!! Acts 2:38.
2. IF you are in sin TODAY...you have been selfish, self-centered, unrestrained, sinful, and have NOT Been Sober, Thought Soberly nor lived Righteously. Need to repent & turn back to Jesus for Peace of Mind!! Jas. 5:16.

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