

The Three Eternal Destinies #184 *The Grace of God has Appeared to All Men*

Like the Holy, the world has also received a “grace” – the vice regent of God, which is the conscience. It is the knowledge of good and evil that allows one to say no to all evil. The Holy have received the very Holy Spirit – the person of the Godhead. As Titus 2:11 says, “the grace of God has appeared to all men.” It has appeared to both the Holy and to all men of the world. It appeared even to us before we received the grace of God that brought salvation to us.

Salvation for the nations could only mean being saved from the second death unto a second life by the grace of God’s vice regent. This was granted to them after men fell from their original righteousness, which was (or which he had) before he sinned and was sentenced to the first death (Gen 2:17). Adam and Eve were never sentenced to the second death. The second death is called “second” only in relation to the “first” death sentence which man received after he fell into transgression. He would die and go to death, and afterwards he would be raised to be judged worthy or unworthy of a second life or a second death. That judgment would be based on his deeds, according to the inherent knowledge of good and evil God graciously gave him. By 1 Tim 2:4 we know, “God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” He desires them especially to be saved from the second death.

For the Holy to keep Messiah’s word means they will never see or taste death (Jn 8:51). For the men of the world to keep their conscience clean (keep the “word” of their conscience) means they will never see or taste the second death. The Holy must keep His word and His commandments as 1 Jn 2:4 says. This means not just the written word and the written commandments in the New Testament (or the Old), but Messiah, as head of the Body, gives commands to His Bodily members to carry out for Him in love. That is, such commands as Heb 10:24; 3:13; or 1 Jn 3:17. The Holy Spirit speaks to us to love and do good deeds, and if we do not obey His word from our heart then we will see death. He as the head of the Body gives instructions to His Body, to each Bodily member, to do for Him, even as we are the Holy, the Dwelling Place of God, will do for all eternity (Rev 21:3-4; Eph 2:22). Rev 22:2 — We will heal and wipe away every tear, and pain and even the horrors of death.