

**CHRIST'S TWO APPEARANCES**  
**TITUS 2:11-15**

December 17, 2023

Grace Bible Church

*THE TWO APPEARANCES OF CHRIST SERVE AS A MOTIVE FOR OUR SERVICE OF CHRIST.*

**1. In His First Appearance... (vv. 11-12)**

*"ALTHOUGH THE LONGINGS, HOPES, AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMING, CONQUERING SON ARE MET IN JESUS'S FIRST COMING, IT DOES NOT CHANGE THE REALITY THAT GOD'S PEOPLE ARE A WAITING PEOPLE. . . . IN BOTH DISPENSATIONS OF REDEMPITIVE HISTORY, THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE DEFINED BY WAITING. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, BELIEVERS WAIT FOR JESUS'S FIRST COMING; IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, BELIEVERS WAIT FOR HIS SECOND COMING. IN BOTH CASES, GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S ADVENT."*

— JONATHAN GIBSON,  
O COME, O COME EMMANUEL.

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*"WE LIVE OUR LIVES IN THE SHADOWLANDS BETWEEN TWO GREAT SPOTLIGHTS. SO WE LOOK BACK TO GOD'S GRACE BURSTING INTO OUR SELF-ABSORBED WORLD IN THE FORM OF SELF-GIVING GRACE PERSONIFIED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOUR APPEARING GLORIOUSLY ONCE MORE. AND WE LIVE NOW, WASHED BY THE INNER RENEWAL OF THE SPIRIT HIMSELF. NOT LOOKING TO OURSELVES AND OUR EFFORT AND OUR PERSONAL DRIVE FOR PURE LIVING. RATHER, WE LIVE LOOKING TOWARD CHRIST, GRACE PERSONIFIED, WHO SHAPES US INTO HIS VERY OWN PEOPLE, TRANSFORMED FROM THE INSIDE OUT."*

— PETER MEAD,  
PLEASED TO DWELL.

**2. In His Second Appearance, Christ Will Bring \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13-14)**

*By the grace of God, one thing I will do this week in response to this sermon is :*