

## Titus 2:11

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Titus 2:11 - "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,..."

This verse is often misused and taken out of context to prove that God sent His Son to die for all men. First, notice our principles for scriptural interpretation / rightly dividing (2 Tim. 2:15):

Q 1 - Does the verse under consideration conflict with an absolute truth?

Q 2 - Has the verse been taken out of context?

Answer to Q1 - Yes, if this verse is interpreted to mean that Jesus died for all inhabitants of the world knowing that millions of those would not accept him and be forever lost, then it directly conflicts with the absolute truth of Jn. 10:27-29; Jn. 6:37; Jn. 17:2-3. Therefore, for consistency and harmony, it cannot have that meaning.

Answer to Q2 - Yes, in order to have that meaning, it would be out of context. Why? For several reasons as follows:

1. Paul is writing to Titus and speaking to those according to the faith of GOD's elect (Tit. 1:1, 4)

2. The text of the scripture does NOT say, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath been offered or given to all men. Rather, it says that it "appeared" to all men. To assume that the appearance of salvation to all men automatically means that it was offered to all men is adding to the meaning of the text, and we are to RIGHTLY DIVIDE it.

3. Take the whole sentence in context (and not just the part of the sentence in that one verse): "For the grace of GOD that bringeth salvation hath appeared (NOT been offered) to all men, Teaching US that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, WE (not all men) should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for US (not all men), that he might redeem US (not all men) from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a PECULIAR PEOPLE (not all people), zealous of good works." Clearly, the context is not directed to all the inhabitants of the world.

4. Finally, with the context understood, it makes perfect sense that the grace of God that brings salvation did appear to all men (not as an offer, but as an evidence of it's very truth), and it teaches US, His children, His elect (Tit. 1:1), who are the only ones that ever care about it in the first place.

God bless,

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