

ZEAL: What It Is, Where It Comes From, Why It Matters

- A. *Titus 2:11-14* forms a Scriptural bridge between the grace of God and the zeal of God's people.
- B. *Zeal* is defined as "great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective."
- C. In the Bible, zeal is presented as a burning desire to please and glorify God.

I. ZEAL: What It Is

- A. Five essential qualities that distinguish God-centered passion from self-centered enthusiasm.

1. _____ (*1 Pet 3:13-16*)
2. Biblical _____ (*Rom 10:1-3*)
3. A _____ heart (*Psa 86:11; 119:1-4*)
4. _____ effort (*John 4:31-34*)
5. Loving _____ (*Rom 12:9-11*)

- B. Christian zeal is the courage to apply Biblical knowledge with a united heart in focused effort and loving service to the glory of God (*Psa 86:12*).

II. ZEAL: Where It Comes From

- A. God's zeal is a clear and often referenced aspect of his nature.

1. Isaiah connects God's impressive actions with his zeal (*9:6-7; 37:30-32; 42:13; 59:15-19*).
2. Begs the question: does my zeal _____ with my Creator's zeal? (*Rev 3:14-19*).

- B. The example of Jesus in life — "*Zeal for your house will consume me*" (*John 2:13-22*).

- C. The example of Jesus in death — "*who gave himself for us*" (*Tit 2:13-14a*).

1. He purchased us.
2. He _____ us.
3. He took possession of us.

III. ZEAL: Why It Matters

- A. ...to produce _____ in us! (*Tit 2:14b*).

- B. Our Father not only desires for us to be zealous, but he fully equips us in Christ (*1 John 2:6*).