The Christian’s Life in Three Tenses
Titus 2:11-14

Introduction:
A. Learned three basic tenses of a verb in school — Past, present and future.
B. Paul deals with Christian’s life in same basic three tenses:

Discussion:
I. PAST: “The Grace of God ... Has Appeared.”
A. Appeared in the person and work of Christ (Rom. 5:8,9,18-21).
B. Appeared in the gospel revelation (teaching) of Christ.
   2. Gospel revelation complete (Jude 3).
C. Appeared while we were still sinners (Rom. 5:8)
   1. To make our sins be in past tense. (Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:38)
   2. To keep our sins in the past tense (Rom. 6:1-4, 12-23)
D. Appeared to make us a special people (v. 14).

II. PRESENT: “We Should Live Soberly, Righteously and Godly in the Present Age.”
A. Living negatively: “Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts”
B. Living positively: “Soberly, righteously and godly”
   1. Soberly treating ourselves right.
   2. Righteously treating others right.
   3. Godly treating God right.

III. FUTURE: “Looking for the blessed hope ...”
B. Looking for the dead to be raised (1 Cor. 15:50-58).
C. Looking to live with God in heaven forever. (1 Pet. 1:3-5).
   1. Without any of the defilements of this world (Rev. 21:27)
   2. Without any of the pain and sorrow of this world. (Rev. 21:4)

Conclusion
A. Thank God for all three of His tenses!
   1. What He has done?
   2. What He is doing?
   3. What He will yet do?
B. Why not make your sinful life in the past tense?