

The true grace of God

Text: 1 Peter 5:10-12

- I. The importance of “grace”
 - A. Heart is to be ESTABLISHED with grace (not meats) - Hebrews 13:9
 - B. It is the ministration of the New Testament - Romans 11:5-6; Ephesians 3:7-8
 - C. Every letter of the New Testament begins by offering grace!
 - D. Jesus is said to be FULL of grace & truth & the minister of them - John 1:14,17
- II. Some things about “the grace of God”
 - A. It can be SEEN - Acts 11:23
 - B. It can be RECEIVED - Romans 5:17
 - C. It can be ACCESSED and STOOD in - Romans 5:1
 - D. It must be CONTINUED in - Acts 13:43
 - E. It can be FRUSTRATED - Galatians 2:21
 - F. You can be REMOVED from it - Galatians 1:6
 - G. You can FALL from it - Galatians 5:4
 - H. You can FAIL of it - Hebrews 12:15
- III. A closer look at “the grace of God” in the New Testament
 - A. 1st time the phrase appears in the Bible is upon JESUS CHRIST - Luke 2:40
 - B. Barnabas SEES it in action because people are: - Acts 11
 - 1. CROSSING traditional (racial) boundaries by faith. - vs 19-20
 - 2. BELIEVING the preaching about the Lord Jesus. - vs 20-21
 - 3. TURNING to the Lord Jesus - vs 21
 - Thus, he exhorted them to CLEAVE to the Lord with PURPOSE of heart. - vs 23
 - And he went and got Saul to come aid him as well (2 MEN) - vs 25-26
 - C. Jews exhorted to CONTINUE in the grace of God - Acts 13:43
 - Because they were HEARING the word gladly! - Acts 13:42
 - D. The body of Christ working together for Christ’s glory! - Acts 14:19-28
 - 1. PREACHING in new cities.
 - 2. CONFIRMING the souls in cities they already preached to.
 - 3. Exhorting disciples to continue in the FAITH through MUCH TRIBULATION.
 - 4. ORDAINING elders in every city to carry the work forward.
 - 5. PRAYING and FASTING.
 - 6. FULFILLED the WORK.
 - E. Even after contention with 2 leaders to the point of parting ways they still could continue in IT because it was dealt with the proper way! - Acts 15:40
 - Didn’t go off on their own... but both took PARTNERS (always 2)!

IV. What is “grace” according to the scriptures?

- A. A free gift (not of works) - Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:17; Romans 11:6
- B. An exalted position with God (God does the exalting) - James 4:6-10
- C. Blessing, favor, and acceptance with God - Genesis 6:6-8
- D. Strength and power in the Spirit. - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- E. Riches to bless others in need - 2 Corinthians 8:6-9
- F. The operating ruling agent of God’s kingdom & the New Covenant (as opposed to the law in the Old Covenant) - Romans 5:21; Hebrews 12:28; John 1:17
 - 1. LAW -
 - a) Started with darkness, fear & trembling - BONDAGE
 - b) Ended with darkness & Christ dying on cross - DEATH
 - 2. GRACE -
 - a) Started with Christ dying on a cross for us - LIBERTY (thru death)
 - b) Ends with resurrection with Christ into glory. - ETERNAL LIFE

V. How do we RECEIVE/ENTER INTO & CONTINUE in grace?

- A. Humility. - 1 Peter 5:5
- B. Hearing & believing the word of God -
- C. Walking/Living by faith
- D. Staying close to Jesus Christ
- E. Following the Spirit

VI. What does the true grace of God result in?

- A. Faith in the word of God - Acts 18:27
- B. Forgiveness of Sins - Ephesians 1:7
- C. Justification before God - Romans 3:24
- D. The righteousness of God - Romans 5:17
- E. Acceptance in the family of God - Ephesians 1:6
- F. Salvation & Instruction in godliness - Titus 2:11-12
- G. Power to witness - Acts 4:33
- H. Signs & wonders - Acts 14:3
- I. Edification and Inheritance - Acts 20:32
- J. Gifts of the Spirit for the church - Romans 12:6
- K. The ability to do the work God has called us to - 1 Corinthians 3:9-10; 15:10
- L. Power to overcome sin & trials/weaknesses - Romans 6:14; 2 Cor 12:9