

THE GRACE OF GOD

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we 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, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:11-14).

I. GRACE OF SALVATION TO ALL MEN (11)

A. The reality of grace:

1. Grace of eternal life only comes from God:
 - i. It is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8).
 - ii. Grace is bestowed through Christ (1st Corinthians 1:4).
2. Grace is available to all mankind:
 - i. Available to the entire world (John 3:16).
 - ii. Received by faith (Romans 10:13).

B. The reasonableness of grace:

1. The unworthiness of man:
 - i. Man is but dust (Genesis 3:19).
 - ii. Within man dwells no good thing (Romans 7:18).
2. God's love for man:
 - i. By grace Christ gave His life for man to have life (2nd Corinthians 8:9).
 - ii. By the Gospel the grace of salvation is available (Acts 20:24).

II. GRACE TEACHING THE BELIEVER (12)

A. Grace teaches to deny the flesh:

1. Grace teaches us to deny ungodliness:
 - i. Ungodliness leads to destruction (Psalm 1:6).
 - ii. God's wrath is upon the ungodly (Romans 1:18).
2. Grace teaches us to deny worldly lusts:
 - i. The world is full of lust (1st John 2:16).
 - ii. Avoid the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21)

Commented [o1]: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God.*

Commented [o2]: I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ

Commented [o3]: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Commented [o4]: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Commented [o5]: In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Commented [o6]: For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

Commented [o7]: For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Commented [o8]: But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Commented [o9]: For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Commented [o10]: For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness

Commented [o11]: For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Commented [o12]: Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

B. Grace teaches to live by the spirit:

1. Grace teaches us to live soberly:
 - i. Keep watch and be grounded (1st Thessalonians 5:6).
 - ii. Know we have an adversary (1st Peter 5:8).
2. Grace teaches us to live righteously:
 - i. Accept the way of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
 - ii. Conform to Christ (Romans 8:29).
3. Grace teaches us to live godly:
 - i. A daily choice must be made to follow (Luke 9:23).
 - ii. Following Christ comes with a worthy cost (2nd Timothy 3:12).

Commented [o13]: Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

Commented [o14]: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour

Commented [o15]: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Commented [o16]: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Commented [o17]: And he said to *them* all, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**

Commented [o18]: Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

III. GRACE GIVING SECURITY AND HOPE (13)

A. Grace reveals security to the believer:

1. Grace reveals eternal security:
 - i. Grace gives security to the believer (1st John 5:13).
 - ii. Grace secures the believer (John 10:28).
2. Grace reveals the coming of Christ:
 - i. His coming is imminent (1st Corinthians 15:52).
 - ii. He will come to meet His saints (1st Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Commented [o19]: These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Commented [o20]: **And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

Commented [o21]: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Commented [o22]: For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Commented [o23]: According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.

Commented [o24]: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear

Commented [o25]: **But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me**

Commented [o26]: And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

B. Grace reveals hope to the believer:

1. Grace reveals the blessed hope:
 - i. The blessed hope changes perspective (Philippians 1:20).
 - ii. The blessed hope changes response (1st Peter 3:15).
2. Grace sent the Comforter:
 - i. Comfort dwells within the believer (John 15:26).
 - ii. Comfort seals the believer (Ephesians 4:30).

IV. GRACE WORKING AND SANCTIFYING (14)

A. Grace brings remembrance of the Sacrifice:

1. Grace shows that Christ was the Sacrifice:
 - i. Christ alone is the Saviour (Acts 4:12; Titus 3:6).
 - ii. Christ alone gave Himself (Galatians 2:20).
2. Grace shows that Christ saves sinners:
 - i. His name is salvation (Matthew 1:21).
 - ii. His purpose is salvation (1st Timothy 1:15).

B. Grace has a second purpose:

1. Grace purifies the sinner:
 - i. Become a vessel for use (2nd Timothy 2:21).
 - ii. Be set apart for God's use (Hebrews 10:10).
2. Grace builds a collection of believers:
 - i. The strength of the Church (Matthew 16:18).
 - ii. The unity of the Church (Ephesians 5:30).
3. Grace empowers those believers to action:
 - i. Man was created unto good works (Ephesians 2:10).
 - ii. True faith leads to action (James 2:18).

Commented [o27]: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Commented [o28]: Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour

Commented [o29]: I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Commented [o30]: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Commented [o31]: This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Commented [o32]: If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Commented [o33]: By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Commented [o34]: And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Commented [o35]: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Commented [o36]: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Commented [o37]: Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.