

THE GRACE OF GOD

Grace To Help In The Time Of Need

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: Your whole life and the victory and success that you have in life depends on the grace of God. If you don't know how to walk in that grace, receive that grace, and function in that grace on a daily basis, then failure and defeat are inevitable.

I. Review

- A. We haven't fully know what the grace of God is & missed out on all it can do (Gal 2:21)
 - 1. (1) **Grace Is:** Good will, loving-kindness, favor; is stress on its freeness
 - 2. (2) **Grace is:** That which gives joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, loveliness
 - 3. (3) **Grace Is:** The spiritual condition of one governed by the power of divine grace
 - 4. (4) **Grace Is:** The (benefit) advantage in life
- B. People have limited the grace of God to something that takes place at salvation and they've failed to walk in "grace to live" or "everyday grace"
 - 1. The grace of God is so much more than the forgiveness of sin; it is the healing of your body, the renewing of your mind, the strengthening of your spirit, the provision in your finances, the love in your relationships, and the divine empowerment to accomplish any task whether it be possible or impossible-You were forgiven by grace, but the Grace of God is ready to do so much more in your life. Don't limit the grace of God.
 - 2. God is Grace, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Grace and therefore His grace is unlimited so why limit it to one thing
 - 3. It was never God's intention that grace would stop at salvation; he wants to show you more grace; he wants to show you the exceeding riches of his grace

II. The grace of God is the answer to ever question, the solution to every problem, the provision to meet every need

- A. Hebrews 4:16-In anytime of need (no matter what he need is) you need grace to HELP
 - 1. In the time of need you need grace to help
 - a. You don't need to go to any person, anything, to medicine, or to the economy b/c you're not going to find grace there
 - b. In the time of need you, you need to look to God b/c that's where to find grace
 - 1) In the time of need you need to go where grace is
 - 2) God is the source of grace and if you need grace to help go to the source
 - c. Make His grace your aim in life because once grace helps you win
 - 1) Romans 1:5-They made grace their aim

d. People are searching for grace in the wrong places

- 1) EX: Believers put their nose up a person who searches for fulfillment in a bottle of alcohol and then go search for healing in the bottle of Tylenol; there's no grace at either one of those places

2. Grace will **help (DEFINE)**

a. To aid; to assist

b. To lend strength or means towards effecting a purpose; (*as, to help a man in his work; to help one to pay his debts; to help the memory or the understanding.*)

c. To lend means of deliverance; as, to *help* one in difficulty or distress;

d. To relieve; to cure, or to diminish pain or disease.

e. To remedy; to change for the better.

f. To prevent; to hinder

g. To advance

h. To promote

i. To deliver from difficulty

j. To help over, to enable to overcome; as, to *help* one over a difficulty.

k. To help off, to remove by help;

l. To help to supply with; to furnish with.

m. To help out, to lend aid; to bring a supply.

n. That which gives assistance; that which contributes to advance a purpose

B. 2 Cor 9:8-Grace will leave u always having more than enough no matter the need

1. AMP-Whatever the need-Grace is transforming, changing force; Grace as the ability to become whatever you need it to become; it has the ability to transform into whatever you need it to be

a. EX: It's like when somebody ask you to do them a favor and you say yes before you know what it is and they tell you and then you become whatever they need

2. The job of His grace in the life of a believer is to see to it that they never lack anything, in any situation, no matter what situation is or how big the need may be. The grace of God is the need-meeting force.

a. Acts 4:33-Where there was great grace there was no lack

C. Ephesians 2:8-By grace are you saved

1. All wholeness and deliverance for any suffering person (in any area of life whether it be spiritual, physical, financial, or social) is a result of working grace which only responds to working faith

III. We have to develop a grace-consciousness

A. That means we need to be constantly conscious of our total reliance upon and need for the grace of God in every area of our lives; conscious of the fact that if I fail to tap this grace, then I fail

1. When you and I become conscious of how vital the grace of God is in our lives then we will stop doing things that push us further away from that grace

B. **Galatians 2:21, 1 Corinthians 15:10**-He was very conscious of the grace of God and very cautious to not do anything to stop that grace in his life because he realized how totally dependent upon it he was

1. We can do things in our lives that push us further away from the grace of God or we can do things that enable us to see more of God's grace at work in our lives.

C. Need-conscious vs. Grace conscious

1. When you're need conscious YOU'LL do things that try to get that need met
 - a. Need-conscious leads u n2 flesh actions that push u further away from grace
2. When you're grace conscious you'll do things to stay positioned to receive grace
 - a. Grace-conscious leads u n2 spirit actions that push you further into grace
3. There's no profit in the flesh, because there's no grace there (John 6:63)
 - a. The need is not the issue, grace is the issue and if I'll stay in the spirit grace will show up and it when it does the need will be met

IV. If you fail to tap the grace of God, you fail b/c w/o the grace of God you can't succeed

A. No matter what you are facing today, no matter how great the pressure, no matter how difficult your situation may seem, it is no match for the grace of God. Therefore you and I have to do what's necessary to receive that grace. When we do it will bring the greatest victories that you and I have ever seen! (2 Corinthians 12:1-9)

1. 6-Humility is reality and Paul knows to get in pride would be to lie
2. 7-The Word of His grace will exalt you above measure-Acts 20:32
 - a. God wants you exalted above measure-1 Peter 5:7
 - b. Build You Up-To establish, to promote growth in Christian wisdom, affection, grace, virtue, holiness, blessedness; give constant increase in Christian knowledge and a life conformed thereto; is used metaphorically, in the sense of "edifying," promoting the spiritual growth and development of character of believers, building a house or erecting a building (the more you build it up the more established and the stronger it gets)
 - 1) CEV-I now place you in God's care. Remember the message about his great kindness! This message can help you and give you what belongs to you as God's people.
 - 2) MSG-³²"Now I'm turning you over to God, our marvelous God whose gracious Word can make you into what he wants you to be and give you everything you could possibly need in this community of holy friends.
 - 3) NCV-³² "Now I am putting you in the care of God and the message about his grace. It is able to give you strength, and it will give you the blessings God has for all his holy people.

- 4) GW-I am now entrusting you to God and to his message that tells how kind he is. That message can help you grow and can give you the inheritance that is shared by all of God's holy people.
 - 5) NIRV-Now I commit you to God's care. I commit you to the word of his grace. It can build you up. Then you will share in what God plans to give all his people.
 - 6) WWE-And now, my brothers, I give you to God. I leave with you his word which brings blessing. That word is able to make you strong. It will give you your share in the good things of God promised by him. He gives these good things to people who are pure and holy.
 - 7) WB-And now I betake you to God and to the word of his grace, that is mighty to edify and give heritage in all that be made holy.
- c. The word of His grace will give you an inheritance and it's free
 - 1) Romans 8:17, Ephesians 2:6, Hebrews 1:2, 1 John 4:17-You're a joint-heir with Jesus, you have joint-seating with him, he is the heir of all things and as he is so are you in this world
 - d. That's why Satan come immediately to steal the Word-Mark 4:15-17
3. 7-The apostle Paul is experiencing torment; he's failing to tap the grace of God
 - a. 1 John 4:18-Fear has torment
 - b. 2 Corinthians 11:28-He took the care of the churches
 - c. Mark 4:18-Jesus described the cares of this word as thorns that choke the Word
 - d. There's grace to not worry and operate in fear concerning those churches ; There's grace to fear not
 4. 8-He's struggling and experiencing torment and he begs God three times and that begging got him into no grace
 - a. Grace doesn't come through begging it comes through faith, humility, obedience, and thanksgiving
 - b. He is failing to tap the grace of God and that's why he is failing
 - 1) He wasn't doing the things necessary to tap that grace
 5. 9-My grace is sufficient for you
 - a. Sufficient-To be enough, ample stock, adequate power, able, fit, competent power are ability, qualified for any purpose
 - b. When God said that he became conscious of grace again and the moment he became grace-conscious, he knew what he needed to do to get into that grace
 - 1) Before he wasn't grace-conscious, "he was get me out of this-conscious"
 - c. There's no situation in life for which the grace of God will be insufficient; no matter what the need His grace is more than enough to meet need in an overflowing matter
 6. 9,10-When he got in faith, in humility, in thanksgiving he got into grace

B. You are determining how much grace you see

1. In the time of need we have to be sure to not do things that push us further away from the grace we need
 - a. Everything I do in my life as a believer I want to be sure that's it's pushing me towards more grace
2. We've lacked in the skill of receiving & walking in grace
 - a. There are things you can do to walk in more grace or less grace
 - 1) 2 Timothy 2:1-Be strong in grace (you could be weak in grace)
 - 2) 1 Peter 3:18-Grow in grace (you could not grow in grace)
 - 3) Hebrews 12:15-Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God
 - 4) Luke 2:52-Jesus grew in grace
 - b. 4 Grace keys
 - 1) Romans 5:2-Faith
 - 2) James 4:6-Humility
 - 3) 2 Corinthians 4:15-Thanksgiving
 - 4) 2 Timothy 1:9-Place
3. God's able to make all grace abound to u, but the amount of His grace that u see in your life is not determined by His ability to give it, but by your capacity to receive it
 - a. The throne of grace is like the heart that pumps blood to our body
 - 1) The way your heart pumps blood 2 your body and causes it 2 function properly is the way God pumps grace to His body to cause it to function properly
 - 2) Without the proper blood flow your body can't function properly and without the proper grace flow the body of Christ can't function properly
 - 3) EX. The heart sends blood around your body. The blood provides your body with the oxygen and nutrients it needs. It also carries away waste. Arteries carry blood from the heart to the body and when they get clogged the heart can't do it's job.
 - 4) The Body of Christ is not functioning properly b/c it's lacked grace and it's lacked grace because it's spiritual arteries have been clogged

V. God's will for your life is abundant grace (Psalm 84:11, 2 Corinthians 9:8)

A. Isaiah 30-God is longing to be gracious to you

1. 2-They are in need of grace, but aren't looking to the source of grace
2. 3-They are going 2 be disgraced (humiliated and shamed) b/c there was no grace
3. 5-Egypt cannot profit them because it can't supply them with the grace they need
 - a. In a time of need you need grace to help, not Egypt to help
 - b. In a time of need u need grace to help, not the world, medicine, the economy

- c. Egypt was not grace to them, it was a disgrace to them
- d. Grace is what will profit them and it's down in Egypt it's with God
- 4. 7-"Help" outside of the grace of God will be of no use to you
 - a. Hebrews 4:16-You need grace to help
- 5. 12-Two main reasons why God cannot be gracious to them
 - a. 1.They are despising and rejecting his Word; not in their place
 - b. 2.They are not trusting him; no faith
- 6. 15-How to be saved and have victory (you're saved by grace)
 - a. 1.Return-Withdrawl, go back-Get back in your place
 - b. 2.Rest-Quietness, quiet attitude-Get back in faith
 - c. This is where grace is, this is where your salvation and victory is
- 7. 16-They rejected grace
 - a. We will flee upon horses and ride upon the swift-Not in their place
 - b. When God gives you His word, He gives you a place to be and when you reject His Word, you reject that place, and in doing so you reject that grace
 - 1) John 15:7, 1 John 2:5-We are to abide in him and we do that by keeping his word abiding in the word that is our place and that's where our grace is
 - c. This is the word of grace (Acts 14:3)
 - 1) You're deceived if you think you can live a life full of God's grace and spend give little to no time to the Word of God
- 8. 18-The Lord is longing to be gracious to you
 - a. You're not waiting on the Grace of God it's waiting on you
 - b. Why didn't He just do it? B/C they were hindering him from doing so
 - 1) What they did effected whether or not he was able to be gracious to them
 - 2) What they did kept God from being able to be gracious to them
 - 3) 2 Corinthians 9:8-He's able to make all grace abound towards them, but his ability is being limited by stuff that they are doing

VI. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord

- A. 8-If Noah found grace that tells me he deserved to die to
- B. 9-Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations and Noah walked with God
 - 1. BBE-He went in the ways of God
 - a. NIV-He walked faithfully with God
 - b. NLT-He walked in close fellowship with God

2. Hebrews 11:7-By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.
 - a. He didn't start living by faith that day, he lived by faith long before he built the ark
 3. In his generations Noah was the most righteous man of character that there was
 - a. He lived by faith and walked in the ways of God
 4. It only becomes works when you think because you did it God owes you something
 - a. Noah didn't think God owed him anything & God was able to be gracious to him
 - b. Noah wasn't living by faith and living right to earn something from God he was doing it because it was right
- C. 13-Noah had grace to hear and to hear accurately
- D. 14-16-Noah had grace to retain and remember this
- E. 22-Noah had grace to build this arch; it doesn't say anything about him being a carpenter or ship builder, but grace was on him
1. The further he went in faith and obedience where this ark was concerned the more grace that came on him
 2. Once God has spoke, doing nothing will get you into no grace
- F. 7:2-God was gracious to him because of his character, but it wasn't owed to Noah and Noah was consciously aware of that
- G. 5:32, 6:10, 7:6-From the moment God told Noah to build that ark until the flood hit a hundred years went buy
1. He had grace to endure, grace to continue, grace for strength
 2. Noah walked in supernatural grace to get this job done
 3. How much torment and ridicule must he have experienced? Maybe he finished the ark before long before the flood and came and it just sat there?
- H. 7:2-Noah is no zoo keeper; grace was on him to get this animals on board & manage
- I. 7:24-He was in the ark 150 days-He was in need of grace