

THE GRACE OF GOD

Walking In The Grace Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: Jesus did many marvelous things during his earthly ministry and every marvelous thing he did, he did because the grace of God was upon him and that very same grace is available to us today.

- I. **The God of all grace-1 Peter 5:10 (He is the God of all loving-kindness, all good-will, all favor; the God of all joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, and loveliness; the God of all ability to accomplish anything possible or impossible; the God of all advantage)**
 - A. The God of all grace has invited us into his eternal excellence, magnificence
 1. Grace is always being offered
 - B. After you've suffered a while-Hebrews 2:18-Resisted-1 Peter 5:9-Resist in faith
 1. Faith is always apart of receiving grace; Don't got down to Egypt
 - C. The God of all grace is doing this
 1. **Make you what you ought to be**-Luke 13:8-Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, los these 18 years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day
 - a. You're a seed of Abraham and you ought to be rich, healed, having victory
 2. **Perfect**-Grace's job is to leave nothing missing, lacking, or broken-Acts 4:33
 3. 1 Corinthians 1:3-7-Grace is enriching power; it makes you rich and richly furnishes you with everything good
- II. **2 Corinthians 9:8-The ability of our Heavenly Father to give grace is to overflow you with grace in such a way that it leaves you always having more than enough NO MATTER WHAT the need is**
 - A. **God is able**-The ability of God-This is what God is capable of concerning His grace
 1. Psalm 78:41-They limited God; this ability is limited or enhanced by what you do
 - B. God is able to make **all grace** (All goodwill, all favor, all kindness, all joy, all pleasure, all delight, all sweetness, and loveliness of life)
 1. That leaves nothing out spirit, soul, body, socially are financially
 - C. **Abound towards you**-He's able 2 overflow u w/ grace, 2 abundantly furnish u w/ grace
 1. This grace is coming from God towards you
 - D. What would be the result of that in your life?
 1. Always having is never lacking
 2. All sufficiency-More than enough
 - a. Ample stock or fund (**ample**-Great in bulk or size, liberal, unrestrained; without being thrifty, frugal, or cost-cutting, fully sufficient; as, *ample* provision for the table; Largeness, spaciousness, sufficiency, abundance)

- b. Adequate power
 - c. Strong enough to need no aid or support; a perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is needed
 - d. All of this independent of external circumstances
3. In all things-Whatever the need be
- E. Our master walked in this grace beyond human comprehension; Jesus never got ready to do something, but then lacked whatever it took to do it; he wasn't overcome by the greatness of his circumstances, but his circumstances were overcome by the greatness of God's grace that was on his life
1. Matthew 4:1-4-He faces a situations where he has to resist temptation
 2. Matthew 4:23-25-He faces a situation where he has to preach on the gospel of the Kingdom, then he has to heal the sick, then he has to cast out devils
 3. Matthew 5:2-He faces a situations where he has to teach the word
 - a. Matthew 7:28-He taught with such grace that people were left astonished
 4. Matthew 8:2-3-He faces a situation where a leper questions his will being healing
 - a. He's been lying on hands, but this is a leper; do I touch him?
 5. Matthew 8:5-7-Now he faces the centurion's servant
 6. Matthew 8:14-He faces Peter's mother-in-law being sick (somebody he's close to)
 7. Matthew 8:16-Now they bring him a bunch of demon possessed people
 8. Matthew 8:19-Now he faces someone following him having to lead them
 9. Matthew 8:24-He gets in the boat and faces a storm of hurricane proportions
 10. Matthew 8:28-He gets over the water and gets out of the boat and faces two of the meanest most demon possessed guys anybody had ever seen
 11. Matthew 8:34-Now he preached the world, healed the sick, cast devils out of people and the whole town wants him to leave
 12. Matthew 9:4-Now he's being questioned by the experts
 13. Matthew 9:18-Now he's faced with a dead person (This is a loaded situation)
 14. Matthew 9:27-Then two blind guys followed him and wanted to be healed
 15. Matthew 9:32-Now he's faced with those two blind guys brining him a dumb guy who can't talk and his demon possessed and everybody is watching
 16. Matthew 9:33-34-Now he's faced with one group of people that would die for him and he has to not get into pride and he's faced with another group of people that want to kill him for doing good works and he has to not get in strife with them
 17. Matthew 9:35-Now he's faced with teaching and preaching and healing
 18. Matthew 10:1-Now he has to manage and lead a whole team of people
 19. Matthew 11:2-6- John the Baptist, one of his closest friends being offended at him

20. Matthew 12:1-Now he faces more questioning about the Sabbath and every time they question him his ministry is on the line
21. Matthew 12:10-He got done with that & the man w/ the withered hand is before him
22. Matthew 12:22-He is faced with the blind and dumb
23. Matthew 12:24-He has to stay in love b/c the Pharisees accuse him of having a devil
24. Mt 12:46-50, Mk 3:21-His friends & family not coming to his meeting thinking he lost it
25. Matthew 13:54-Now he goes to his home hometown, preaches the word and they get offended at him and show him no honor
26. Matthew 14:13-Now his best friend his brutally murdered and he goes to be alone, but the people father him
27. Matthew 14:14-Now there's no food and they are in a deserted place
28. Matthew 14:24-Now the ship left so he's faced with walking on the water
29. Mt 14:34-He's gets to Gennesaret & they bring him everybody in the town who's sick
30. Mt 15:1-3-Now the experts are back to question him & they're trying to discredit him
31. Matthew 15:12-Now he's got to deal with the fact that he offended somebody
32. Matthew 15:22-Now a woman, who is not the seed of Abraham, comes to him b/c her daughter is vexed with a devil & he had to turn her away to be obedient to God
33. Matthew 15:30-Now they bring to him those that can't walk, those who can't see, those you can't talk, and those who are missing body parts and cast them at his feet
34. Matthew 15:34-Now he wants to feed the multitude but he's face with the reality that he only has seven loaves and a few fish
35. Matthew 16:1-Now he's being tempted by the Pharisees to show them a sign
36. Matthew 16:22-He knows he's going to the cross, his soul is having to deal with all that's going to take place there, and then one on his own team is trying to get him to feel sorry for himself and not do what the Father said
37. Matthew 17:15-Now he faces the Father who's son is vexed with a devil
38. Matthew 17:17-Now he has to deal with the fact that after all he's taught the disciples they still aren't walking in it the way he wants
39. Matthew 17:27-Now he's faced having to pay taxes
40. Matthew 19:3-The experts are back to tempt him about divorce
41. Matthew 20:31-Now he faces 2 more blind men & everybody is watching again
42. Matthew 21:12-Jesus goes in the temple & finds them doing unrighteous things there
43. Matthew 21:14-15-Shortly after the blind and lame come to Jesus and get healed and it made the Christians mad
44. Matthew 21:23-He's preaching the word and get's interrupted to be questioned

45. Matthew 22:15-They are trying to catch him in a lie and get him to say the wrong thing (V22-They marveled at him)
46. Matthew 22:23-First the Pharisees and now the Sadducees
47. Matthew 22:34-Now the Pharisees and Sadducees joined together
48. Matthew 26:9-The woman with the Alabaster box pours it into Jesus and now he has to deal with the disciples who are so "holy"
49. Matthew 26:33-Now he has to deal with Peter telling him he's wrong again
50. Matthew 26:36-Now he's under extreme pressure about going to the cross; he's experiencing extreme mental pressure he's sweating blood and he's got to resist
51. Matthew 26:41-At the most difficult time in his life he asked his own team to pray with him and his own team couldn't be counted on
52. Matthew 26:53-Now he has to deal with fact that he has the power to stop this at any moment and not use it
53. Matthew 26:67-The spit in his face, hit him, mocked him
54. John 5:19,8:26,29-No matter what the situation he only did what the Father told him to do and only said what the Father told him to say and in every situation he perfectly pleased the Father

III. Jesus operated in his Earthly ministry by the grace of God (John 1:14-He was full of grace)

- A. Jesus did what he did on the Earth because God's grace was on him (Luke 2:40)
 1. The maturation of his spirit is connected to the grace of God that was upon him
 - a. The more mature you are spiritually the more grace you'll see working in your life
 - b. When you are mature spiritually you're strong in faith, strong in obedience (remaining in your place), strong in walking in the spirit and consequently you're doing things necessary to get into more grace-Romans 12:6
 2. Jesus is in the temple w/ "experts" who had been studying their whole lives & he's proposing questions to them & after they didn't know they answer he'd answer it
 - a. They were thrown into wonderment & were amazed & astounded by his answers
 - 1) They couldn't figure out how they'd been studying their whole lives & he'd been on the earth from 12 years & yet knew more than them
 - 2) What they tried to obtain by works, Jesus got by grace through faith
 - b. The things accomplished by grace of God in the life of a believer will leave the world astonished
 - 1) God's grace is "astonishing" power; when it's finished people are astonished
 - c. Jesus increased in grace (this reveals a couple things)
 - 1) 1) Just b/c ur saved doesn't mean you're experiencing the fullness of grace
 - 2) 2) I am responsible for doing what is necessary to increase in this grace
- B. John 1:17-Jesus came to the Earth demonstrating the system of grace and faith

1. Jesus came to the Earth not demonstrating the law (works and wages), while he perfectly fulfilled it the law; but demonstrating grace and faith
 - a. There's a tendency to think that Jesus got what he got & walked in what he did because of how good he was ("Well that was Jesus"); if that's the case then he didn't get it by grace and faith, he got it by works and reputation
 - b. If Jesus got what he got and lived the way he did b/c of how good he was or some special endowment, then there's no hope for you and I to get what he got or live the way he did
2. Everything Jesus got he didn't get it b/c he deserved it; he got it by grace & faith
 - a. He didn't get something you can't have because he didn't get it by his goodness, He got it by His Father's grace
 - b. If Jesus walked in what he walked in by works, then we have no chance to walk in it; however if he got it by grace then we can walk in anything he walked in because anybody can receive a free gift
3. Jesus always went to the Father on the basis of grace and faith
 - a. Even though he perfectly fulfilled the law and "deserved" everything good, he operated on the system of faith and grace
 - b. He never went to the Father based on what he deserved (even though he could have), he went to the father in faith to receive grace

IV. John 1:16-The very grace that Jesus operated in is the very grace that you have received

- A. Whatever that grace did in his life it's capable of doing in your life
 1. There's nothing Jesus did in his Earthly ministry that I can't do (John 14:12)
 2. You didn't get some second hand grace; You got the grace that impressed scholars when Jesus was twelve, that never yielded to sin, that only said what the father told him to say, that only did what the Father told him to do, that said forgive them, and that enabled him to rise up in one of the most pressured times of his life and put pressure on pressure (Luke 2:40)
- B. We haven't been taught this; we've been taught you sin everyday & you could never live like Jesus
 1. We've believed we're not able to live lives where we are not giving into the flesh
- C. 1 John 2:6-If we are to walk the same way Jesus walked then we need the same grace
 1. I can walk, and live, and conduct my life in the same manner that Jesus did because he did what he did by grace and that very same grace is available to me
 - a. I can resist like he resisted; I can obey the Father like he obeyed; I can not yield to the flesh the way he didn't yield to flesh; I can be led the way he was led
 2. The grace of God will enable you to reflect the exact of character of Jesus every second of your life
 - a. That grace was the reason, cause, and root to everything Jesus did and the character he walked in

- b. Jesus didn't have some special endowment that's not available to you and me
 - 1) He lived the way he did by the grace of almighty God
- 3. If you talked to Jesus about how good he was and how good he lived his life on the Earth, he would tell you my Father was gracious to me – Why? Because he didn't do what he did because of something he was, he did what he did because of something that was on him (grace) and that made him who he was
 - a. Jesus you never yielded to sin and resisted the temptation to give into the flesh – “My Father was gracious to me and gave me strength to resist.”
 - b. Jesus it was so awesome how you healed the sick – “My Father was gracious to me to lead me into those situations and lead me to do the right thing and say the right thing and he was gracious to the people who were healed.”
 - c. Jesus it was so awesome how you hung on the cross being mocked and scourged and you responded Father forgive them – “It was only by the grace of my Father that I did that”

V. The disconnect has been that Jesus was much more proficient at tapping this grace

- A. Your whole life and the victory and success that you have in life depends the grace of God and if you don't know how to walk in that grace, receive that grace, and function in that grace everyday of your life failure and defeat are inevitable
 - 1. You fail to tap the grace of God you fail
 - 2. We haven't talked about “tapping grace” enough
- B. What made Jesus so proficient at tapping this grace?
 - 1. Faith-If he always pleased the Father, then he must have always lived by faith (John 8:29, Hebrews 11:6)
 - 2. Humility-Jesus walked in the highest degree of humility (Matthew 11:30, James 4:6)
 - 3. Place-Jesus was always in his proper place (John 5:19, 30)
 - 4. Thanksgiving-In the times of greatest pressure Jesus operated in thanksgiving (Matt 14, John 11, 2 Corinthians 4:15)