

THE GRACE OF GOD

Who Are You Looking To?

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: You have a God in Heaven whose very nature and being is Grace. His Spirit is the spirit of Grace. His Word is the Word of Grace. His Son came to the Earth full of grace. This God you serve is able to make all grace abound towards you so that you always have more than enough no matter what the need is. It's His will to be gracious to you and He desires earnestly and He is longing for the opportunity to be very gracious to you. --- **Where's the Disconnect**

I. In the time of need you need grace to help-Hebrews 4:16

- A. The time of need-Lack, a state that requires supply or relief, can express urgent want
- B. In the time of need you need to find grace to help
 - 1. 2 Corinthians 12:9-His grace is sufficient for you
 - 2. 2 Corinthians 9:8-It'll leave u always having more than enough no matter the need
- C. God's grace is manifold grace-1 Peter 4:10
 - 1. It appears in various ways and sorts; it has many sides
 - 2. The same grace many sides (EX. It's healing to the sick, strength to the tempted)

II. To get grace from God you have to look to God-Isaiah 30:1

- A. They are in need of grace and they look for it Egypt
 - 1. They're going to Egypt in search of grace
 - 2. You can try to plug your toaster into your toilet, but you won't find electricity there
 - a. EX: They look to medicine, the economy, to their ability to save money
- B. Who you look to that's who you trust (EX: Floating device or boat)
 - 1. The reason they are doing this is b/c they trust Egypt more than God
 - a. This becomes a big problem in them receiving grace, b/c it take faith to receive grace and they're faith isn't in God, it's in Egypt
 - 2. The main problems believers are having in receiving grace from God is they aren't looking to him b/c they don't trust Him & they don't trust him b/c they have no foundation of the word
 - a. Do you even know what God said? Then How Could you trust Him)
 - 3. Faith has always been the way to access God's grace (Romans 5:2, 4:16, Eph 2:8)
 - a. They gave God no faith & he had avenue in which 2 flow grace 2 them
 - 1) Faith is the entry way/the door way we must walk through to get into grace
 - 2) Grace awaits you on the other side of the door of faith
 - b. Faith is the solitary way to get into grace; There is no secondary way

- 1) You don't get into grace by begging God, by trying to impress him, getting him to feel sorry for you, working your way in
- c. This force of Grace only responds to the force of faith
 - 1) Faith is the only force that will move grace into action
- d. It isn't until we make an unwavering commitment to live the life of faith and walk by faith daily that we will experience the grace of God in our everyday lives
 - 1) To experience grace daily, you have to walk by faith every day
 - 2) If you refuse to grow and develop in faith, you are resisting grace
- e. No matter what report you get, no matter what the circumstances are, & no matter what the situation is ALWAYS CHOOSE FAITH b/c that alone will get you into grace
 - 1) Every time you chose faith you just chose grace; every time you refuse faith, you just refused grace
 - 2) When we yield to the negative thoughts and the fear and the worry and the discouragement we are refusing faith and in turn refusing grace
 - 3) Those who stay in faith WILL see grace
- C. Matthew 7:7-People aren't seeking grace and that's why they're not finding it
 1. Did you even bother to go to God's Word and find out what He said?
 2. Where there is no demand for grace there will be no supply of grace (James 4:4)
 - a. Practice looking to His grace for everything
 - b. Develop a life that runs on the grace of God
- D. The thing you look to rather than looking to God will end up being your disgrace
 1. When you look to things for grace rather than God you'll be separated from grace
 - a. "Dis" is a prefix that means separation has taken place
 2. Egypt can't profit b/c it can't supply them w/ the grace they need (Heb 4:16)
 - a. In a time of need you need grace to help, not Egypt to help
 - b. Grace is what will profit them and it's down in Egypt it's with God
 - c. Egypt was a disgrace to them – It separated them from grace
- E. Egypt couldn't profit them b/c there was no grace there and the flesh can't profit you b/c there is no grace there (John 6:63)
 1. When you are walking in the flesh you are walking in opposition to the word of God and there is no grace there; Grace & profit is found in walking in the spirit
 - a. The way they went down to Egypt in a time of need is the way we've been going to the flesh in the time of need
 - b. EX: You've been in need for a while so you get frustrated, discouraged; you're going down to Egypt and there's no grace down there

2. The grace and profit is in the Words of the Kingdom, finding the Kingdom way and then getting in it by doing it
 - a. 7-The world's help no use; the strength of the world's system is to do nothing
 - b. 8-Write this down so people want make the same mistake
- F. Don't ever get the idea that God didn't do His part
1. Titus 2:11-The saving, delivering grace of God is available to all men
 2. Jude 4-People try to turn the grace of God into lasciviousness by saying it doesn't matter what I do, if God wants to give me grace he will
 3. There's a receiving side of grace called faith
- G. You're saved by grace and grace is in your place and it's in faith
1. Your grace is in doing what God said and believing what God said
 2. Whatever situation you're facing today you need to find out what God said about that situation and then do it and believe it
 3. They said no to grace, by saying no to their place and no to faith
- H. The people who look (wait) to God and who are doing things the Kingdom way, being a doer of the Word will get the grace-Isaiah 30:19
1. If you're not going to His Word, to His system, to His Kingdom to find out what to do then you're not looking to him
 2. You can pray and then go do it the world's way, but that's not looking to him
 3. The way of the Kingdom is higher and in it is abundance grace
 - a. It takes faith to operate in the Kingdom

III. How to find grace to help in the time of need

- A. Hold fast to the profession of your faith-Say what the word has already said
1. Don't go to the throne of grace with your feelings or problems in your mouth
- B. Come boldly to the throne of grace-Come fearlessly and confidently
1. Approach God in faith (It pleases Him-Heb 11:6)