

THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S GRACE

The Nature Of God

I. Receive the words of Grace by faith

- A. Paul wrote 13 books in the NT In everyone started with grace & finished with grace
1. Romans 1:7-This is a declaration of faith; He's speaking grace into their lives
 - a. Romans 16:24-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. **Amen.**
 - b. 1 Corinthians 1:3- Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - c. 1 Corinthians 16:23-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.
 - d. 2 Corinthians 1:2-Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - e. 2 Corin 13:14 (LV)-The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, & the love of God, & communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. **Amen.**
 - f. Galatians 1:3-Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,
 - g. Galatians 6:18 (LV)-Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. **Amen.**
 - h. Ephesians 1:2-Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - i. Ephesians 6:24 (LV)-Grace *be* with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.
 - j. Philippians 1:2-Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - k. Philippians 4:23 (LV)-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. **Amen.**
 - l. Colossians 1:2-Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - m. Colossians 4:18 (LV)-Grace *be* with you. **Amen.**
 - n. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - o. 1 Thessalonians 5:28 (LV)-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. **Amen.**
 - p. 2 Thessalonians 1:2-Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - q. 2 Thessalonians 3:18 (LV)-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. **Amen.**
 - r. 1 Timothy 1:2-Unto Timothy, *my* own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - s. 1 Timothy 6:21 (LV)-Grace *be* with thee. **Amen.**
 - t. 2 Timothy 1:2-To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

- u. 2 Timothy 4:22 (LV)-Grace *be* with you. **Amen.**
- v. Titus 1:4-To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, & peace, from God the Father & the Lord Jesus Christ
- w. Titus 3:15 (LV)-Grace *be* with you all. **Amen.**
- x. Philemon 3-Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
- y. Philemon 25 (LV)-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. **Amen**
- 2. Other books also started and finished with grace including the last verse in the Bible
 - a. 1 Peter 1:2-Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.
 - b. 1 Peter 5:12-I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.
 - c. 2 Peter 1:2-Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
 - d. 2 Peter 3:18 (LV)-But grow in grace, & *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
 - e. 2 John 3-Grace be with you, mercy, & peace, from God the Father, & from the Lord Jesus Christ, in truth & love.
 - f. Rev 1:4-John to the 7 churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto u, & peace, from him which is, & which was, & which is to come
 - g. Revelation 22:21 (LV)-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
- B. He's revealing to us that grace is something God wants us to have & we need it to live
 - 1. He's showing that we need everyday grace for everyday living
 - 2. He's saying this to believers, so he's not just talking about grace to be saved, he's talking about grace to live saved; character, healed, victorious, prosperous lives
- C. These verses have been overlooked b/c carnality teaches it's just a greeting-2 Tim 3:16
 - 1. The Word of God is written by the spirit of God
 - a. God never speaks empty words; everything he says means something
 - b. Our words mean nothing and that's why we think God's mean nothing
 - c. Every word God speaks matters and when you treat every word you speak like it matters you'll get more out of the Word of God
 - 2. Paul knew that the grace of God was the answer to everything they would ever face and he declared it over them in faith to start and finish his teachings
- D. What do we do we these words? We agree with God and receive them by faith
 - 1. The grace of God is working in my spirit, the grace of God is working in my soul, the grace of God is working in my body, in my relationships and in my finances

II. Grace is the nature of God & it is at the very core of His being; At the very core of God's being is loving-kindness, goodwill, favor; At the very core of His being is the desire to give joy, pleasure, to

delight, to make things sweet; At the very core of his being there is ability to accomplish anything possible or impossible giving him the advantage in every situation

- A. The Lord introduces himself as gracious (Exodus 22:27)
1. Exodus 34:6-Grace is one aspect of the very name of God
 2. Lord Gracious (*IS* isn't in the original translation)
 - a. 2 Chronicles 30:9-For the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.
 - b. Psalm 86:15-But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion, & gracious, longsuffering, & plenteous in mercy & truth.
 - c. Psalm 103:8-The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
 - d. Psalm 111:4-He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.
 - e. Psalm 145:8-The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.
 - f. Joel 2:13-And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.
- B. The Spirit of Grace, the Word of God, Jesus full of grace
1. 1 John 5:7-Three different personalities or manifestations, but one God
 - a. EX: If God is love, then the Word of God is the word of Love, the Son of God is the son of Love, and the spirit of God is the spirit of Love
 - b. Love is in every manifestation of Him b/c it is who He is
 2. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God and He is the spirit of grace-Heb 10:29, John 14:16
 - a. Notes 2007-He is the answer to every problem & He is the provision for every need
 - b. **Comforter**-One called along side to help – Hebrews 4:16-Grace to help
 - c. **Helper**-He helps us and gives us aid, he gives us assistance, and support
 - d. **Counselor**-One who gives advice to another
 - e. **Intercessor**-To come between, intercede, or entreaty in favor of another
 - f. **Strengtheners**-Divine enablement
 - g. **Standby**-One to be relied on especially in emergencies (time of need); a favorite or reliable choice or resource
 3. The Word is God and it's the Word of Grace; God is grace (Acts 20:32, John 1:1)
 - a. Acts 20:32-The Word of His Grace will build you up
 - 1) It's the word of God's goodwill, loving-kindness, favor
 - a) Matthew 6:10-Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven
 - b) John 1:1, Prov 31:26-It's the Word of love and the law of kindness
 - c) Proverbs 3:4-If you keep this word you'll find favor

- 2) It's the word that gives joy, pleasure, delight, and makes life sweet
 - a) Jeremiah 15:16-Your words were joy and rejoicing of my heart
 - b) Ephesians 1:5-The good pleasure of his will
 - c) Psalm 119:77-Your law is my delight
 - d) Psalm 119:103-How sweet are your words to my mouth
- 3) It's the word of divine enablement, divine grace, divine power (Rom 1:16)
- b. Word of Grace will not only save u, it'll grow u up & give u everything God has 4 u
 - 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- 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 & holy.
 - 7) WB-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 gives u an inheritance (Make you what you ought to be)
 - 1) Rom 8:17, Eph 2:6, Heb 1:2, 1 Jn 4:17-You're a joint-heir with Jesus
- d. Acts 20:24-The good news about the grace of God is not just that grace will save you from your sins, strengthen your spirit, renew your mind, keep your body whole and strong, bring love into your relationships, overflow you financially, & it will be the divine empowerment to accomplish anything possible or impossible
- e. Grace was in every word that Jesus came speaking (Luke 4:22)
4. Jesus was God manifested in the flesh & he came to the Earth full of Grace (Jn 1:14)
- C. The God of all grace (all loving kindness, good will etc.)-1 Peter 5:10
 1. The God of all grace has invited us into his eternal excellence, magnificence
 2. After you've suffered a while-Hebrews 2:18-Resisted-1 Peter 5:9-Resist in faith

- a. **Make you what you ought to be**-Luke 13:8 (You're a seed of Abraham and you ought to be rich, healed, having victory)

III. The graciousness of Grace Himself is seen by people who live by faith

- A. Psalm 116:1-He called upon God in faith and saw the graciousness of Grace Himself
- B. God's will for your life is abundant grace
 - 1. Psalm 84:11-God's not a grace withholding God, He's a grace giving God
 - a. God's will is that the upright have grace the upright walk by faith
 - b. When you'll swear 2 your own hurt & change not there's grace for you (Ps 15:4)
 - c. You stand your ground and stay in faith b/c it's right; the Lord will not withhold grace from you
 - 2. Isaiah 30:18-19-What God wants to do and the level at which he wants to do it
- C. Hebrews 4:16, Romans 1:7-Grace has to be received; you have to take it