

GRACE AND FAITH

Grace Needs Faith

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: If it were solely up to grace you'd have it by now, right now

I. Isaiah 30:3, 12-Your unbelief will keep the grace of God waiting

A. He's not waiting on the account of His grace, but of their unbelief

II. Inheriting the promise is by grace through faith-Romans 4:16 (AMP)

A. The promises you inherit are connected to what you believe from this Word

B. People who walk in less faith will inherit less promises (Hebrews 6:12)

C. Not generic faith, but specific faith where your situation is concerned

III. Inheriting the promise is so heavily dependent upon faith b/c if it were solely up to grace you'd have it by now; grace wants you to have it the moment it offers it

A. If it were solely up to grace everybody would be saved, healed, & rich-2 Pet 1:4

B. God's not alone in his dealings with man; he needs man's faith

1. This is an EXCHANGE of faith and grace and it takes two people to exchange
2. A giver has to have a receiver

IV. Grace could not give it, until faith would receive it; before faith would receive it grace could only make the offer, it can't force you to receive

A. Without faith God cannot give you grace; He can only offer it (sozo is a gift offered)

1. Gifts that are rejected digress to an offer made, but not received

B. Titus 2:11-Grace is always ready to do it, but can't do it until faith will receive it

1. MSG-God's readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation's available for everyone!
2. YLT-For the saving grace of God was manifested to all men,

C. Any promise u need 2 manifest is dependent on faith so it can be given by grace

1. Where faith isn't functioning grace cannot be given

D. Mark 6:1-6-This is the only place in he **couldn't** do these works

1. Grace could not function where there was no faith
2. Faith gives grace grounds upon which to work; Grace needs faith

V. Jesus credited the person's faith b/c grace was ready to do it for every person; it wasn't his graced that changed it was their faith that changed

A. Mark 5:34-The woman with the issue of blood (Mt 14:36-As many as touched him)

1. 24-There's a crowd of people out there and Jesus was read to do it for everybody
2. 30-Jesus didn't even have to consciously release grace to be healed to; grace is always on, it's always available, and it's always being extended to those in need

3. 34-Her faith was in the doctors, but then it changed and was in Jesus
- B. Luke 17:19-If it were solely up to grace all 10 would have been made whole
- C. Luke 18:42-Receive your sight; Thy faith has saved you