

THE GRACE OF GOD

Revealed in Salvation

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.” Titus 2:11

Thanks to God’s foreknowledge of our need, and His determined kindness to us who believe, our prayers for help are met with His provisions. Grace (intended and unmerited favor) sets in motion a real life changing salvation. It is a Great Salvation!”

“Grace is but glory begun, and glory is but grace perfected.” (Jonathan Edward)

“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:1-13

OUR SITUATION; DEAD: No other word describes it better. In death there is a loss of senses and a great onslaught of corruption. Spiritual we were rotting carcasses insensitive and offensive to God. That’s as bad as it gets. Since the word ‘deader’ has no significant meaning, we were all equally dead. Nothing short of a miracle could save us.

HIS GRACE: He raised us by His Word. We have been resurrected with Christ! Salvation is the greatest miracle ever.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. John 5:24, 25

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” John 6:63

OUR SITUATION; BOUND BY SATAN: We were following a predetermined course orchestrated by Satan. We were disobedient to the law of God and following our own fallen desires and inclinations.

HIS GRACE: He lifted us up and caused us to sit with Christ in heavenly places. We are out of Satan's reach even as the Christ, symbolized as a child in Revelation 12, was carried away into heaven. Spiritually we have been raptured and empowered to do His will and not our own.

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:2-4

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Hebrews 13:20,21

OUR SITUATION: CHILDREN OF WRATH, WITHOUT CHRIST, ALIENS TO THE PROMISED BLESSING, WITHOUT HOPE AND WITHOUT GOD, AND NOT EVEN CLOSE TO SECURING SALVATION.

HIS GRACE: WE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

Grace reveals God's love described in Ephesians 2:4 as 'great love.' How much love does it take to save a soul? Only God can love that much. We now have a great calling.

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy." I Peter 2:9,10

OUR BOAST IS IN THE LORD:

Since the dead have no power to bring themselves out of the grave, neither could we have done anything to improve our spiritual state. Our works were useless. Salvation is entirely the work of God. There is no room for anyone to boast but in the Lord's mercy and grace. He is the author and finisher of our faith. Let us all declare that we have been saved by grace.

*AMAZING GRACE HOW SWEET THE SOUND, THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME.
I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW I'M FOUND. WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE!*

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