# Theme : Experiencing God (Part 2) Receive the Grace of JESUS CHRIST

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV) The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God (The Father), and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



# **Review** - Love of the Father

- There are voids and wounds in our lives:-
- We must personally <u>embrace</u> the love of the Father-God.
- Beware of the performance treadmill.
- ➤ We do not do things to "Earn" His love.
- ➤ God loves us <u>unconditionally</u>.



# Review - Love of the Father There are voids and wounds in our lives:> We want to delight and to please Him, not to earn His love which He already does, but to respond to His love.

# Remember, **HE RAN!**

# Introduction

# Grace=

- Receiving what we do not deserve.
- Unmerited favour out of God's goodness.

#### Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the <u>gift of God</u> is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.





I. God's Grace <u>Saves</u> us who believe.
 A. The <u>Lord Jesus Christ</u> paid the price for the covenant of grace to us.



#### Hebrews 9:15

And for this reason He [JC] is the Mediator of the <u>new covenant</u>, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may <u>receive</u> the <u>promise of the eternal inheritance</u>.



Ephesians 2:8-9 8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Romans 10:13** - whoever calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved!



I. God's Grace <u>Saves</u> us who believe.
B. Grace and <u>Truth</u> always come together.



# John 1:14, 17

14And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, <u>full of grace and truth</u>.
17For the law was given through Moses, but <u>grace</u> and truth came through Jesus Christ.



#### John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, <u>the truth</u>, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."



# Jeremiah 9:24 God = Love, Justice and Righteousness Psalm 97:2 - Justice and Righteousness

#### e.g. #1 Matthew 6:12

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.



#### e.g. #2 Galatians 6:7 We will reap what we sow

e.g. #3 Ephesians 4:26-27 26"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27nor give place to the devil.



II. God's Grace <u>Sustains</u> us in this life.
We start by grace and we continue our living by grace.
A. He provides the <u>Word</u> of His grace to build us up.



# Acts 20:32a

So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the **Word** of His grace ...





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B. The Word of God is <u>Truth</u>.





John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

VS

- John 8:44 Lies
- Revelation 12:9-10
  - Deception
  - ✓ Accusation



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 living by grace.

**c**. The Word of God heard and received by us produces **Faith**.



# Romans 10:17 So then <u>faith</u> comes by hearing, and <u>hearing</u> by the word of God.





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We start by grace and we continue our living by grace.
D. <u>Faith</u> is the <u>Key</u> to <u>receive the grace</u>

provided for us.



# Old Covenant Obey - Work to be blessed - Deuteronomy 28:1

# But, Man's obedience is imperfect

Romans 3:23

James 2:10



# New Covenant Believe to receive the blessing

# Lord Jesus' perfect obedience - DONE!

John 6:29 - the work of God is to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ



#### Romans 5:2

through whom also we have <u>access by faith into</u> this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 1:3 - we are already blessed!

#### **Believe - have faith / trust to receive**

#### Examples of Grace that we need:-



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This is the **Divine Exchange** which must be personally appropriated by **faith / trust / belief**.

## March 2009 Pulpit Topics:-

- Salvation Gift of Righteousness
- Grace for Daily Living
- Freedom from Demonic Oppression
- Deliverance from Bondages and Fear

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- Freedom from Curses
- Healing our Broken-heart
- Receiving the Holy Spirit



#### Titus 3:4-7

4But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, **6**whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, 7that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



# III. God's Grace <u>Sanctifies</u> us.

- i.e. God's Grace helps us to be Holy.
- A. God's Grace sanctifies us set us apart
  - to Love and Worship to receive

the grace provided for us.



# Be a **TRUE** Worshipper Participant in worship NOT a Spectator **WHOLE-HEARTED** Worship - Spirit, Soul and Body -John 4:23-24 1 Peter 2:9



III. God's Grace <u>Sanctifies</u> us.
 Sanctify = Holy = Set Apart = Separate
 B. God's Grace helps us to separate <u>From</u> the things that displeases Him.

# **Examples:-**

# Unequally yoked relationships

Pornography

Murmuring and Complaining Attitude

Wasting Time doing unprofitable activities

Gossip Lying Cheating

Not Walking

with God

**Easily Offended** 

**Being Lazy** 



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## Examples:-





#### Romans 6:13

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but **present yourselves** to God as being alive from the dead, and **your members as instruments of righteousness to God**.







#### Romans 1:4

and declared to be the Son of God with **power** according to the **Spirit of holiness**, by the resurrection from the dead.



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- II. God's Grace <u>Sustains</u> us in this life.
- III. God's Grace <u>Sanctifies</u> us.



# Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the <u>throne of grace</u>, that we may <u>obtain mercy</u> and <u>find grace</u> to help in time of <u>need</u>.

# Hebrews 11:6



# 2 Corinthians 12:9a

And He said to me, "<u>My grace is sufficient</u> for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

> Come to the God of the xth chance no matter how messed up - MHS Stories