



Living Waters Ministries

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The Vast Treasure House Of God's Grace Through The Cross!

All about living in "the fullness of the realm of grace" "in our salvation."

The Door Of Grace Is The Cross

It is the Cross that should ever be our object of faith. The Grace of God in our life comes by first coming to the Cross, but now afterwards the Christian life we live is THROUGH THE CROSS. The treasure house of God's Grace is realized when we step across the threshold giving our lives to the Lord – living by Grace through the Cross.

God's Grace Defined

Grace means the unmerited favor of God. Grace is a word that expresses God's character toward you. The greek language brings out the usages of the word grace as: a gift, to give freely, to bestow graciously. The root of the word grace means to give pleasure. This is what the word grace means in its original meaning.

God's Grace Seen Theologically And Practically

Theologically, grace is seen as God's favor in His gift to us. It is unmerited because we deserve something different than His grace. It is His favor because it is the gift of God. Now to simply say that grace is unmerited favor and stop right there is to miss much and most of what the N.T. teaches on this issue called grace. Theologically, grace is more than unmerited favor.

Theological truth is good, but it must also have its practical side, a working application from which we may take our example. If we know how to apply the theological term in a way that it becomes practical, then the presence and power of God comes in and produces completion.

Transforming Attribute Of God's Grace

Paul says in *II Tim. 2:1* "**Thou (Timothy) therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**" Be strong in grace. That means this grace we are talking about. It implies the power of grace moving in our lives. It is God's presence and the redemptive power and ability actually working to transform and change us. The definition of grace must include the concept of it actually working to transform and change us or it is not a definition of God's grace. Paul says that God's grace is the preeminent cause of him being able to live life as a Christian.

Let's read that in *I Cor. 15:10*. "**By the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace which was bestowed upon me (or toward me) was not in vain (did not prove vain or empty); but I labored (even) more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was in me (the grace within me).**" Paul is saying here that this grace is more than the idea of just grace as unmerited favor; it is more than God just looking down from

heaven and saying I am going to bless you even though you don't deserve it. He is saying more than that. God's grace is something that happened on the inside of me that makes me what I am. Paul said, "Whatever I am, whatever I have suffered, and whatever I have accomplished, it has not been by my own working, *not by my own strength*, but by the grace of God which was working within me."

The Vast Treasure House Of God's Grace

Now, if we go to *Romans chapter 5, verses 1 & 2*, we see something more of God's grace. *Romans 5:1 & 2 "Therefore, being (having been) justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom (through whom) we also have access (we have obtained access, admission, or introduction) into this grace wherein we stand..."*

The word access here means this; an entry *secured* into *an ample space*, to be led into a *place of abundance*. Grace is an ample space, an enlarged space into which a Christian enters and *passes through* (through the Cross), into which we are admitted, likened to a *palace* or a *great treasure house*. When we have been given the grace of God, we have been granted access into this great storehouse of God's ability to work in our lives. We have been given access into the radiance of Almighty God to work in us to transform us by His glory.

From the time we become a Christian, God desires to change us and transform us into His image. The impartation of God's unmerited favor was imparted to you at the new birth, and if you have walked passed the front door into the treasure house and have explored what is available to you, you will also find His full "**realm of grace**" that brings about the character and holiness of God in your life.

This grace is the power to will and to do His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). Paul says to Timothy to be strong in the grace of God. He was saying that we have access into the fullness of the character of the Almighty wherein we can stand. You have been given an introduction into a life that is so vast that you will be enriched by it and through it.

The "Realm Of Grace" Is Rich

Many who follow basic ideas on grace follow a positional pattern yet do not understand or include the "**realm of grace**" nor how we walk out this grace from God. I have found that the "realm of grace" in the Bible is three types (or kinds) of grace: Saving Grace, Sanctifying Grace and Serving Grace.

The "realm of grace" takes you into the holiness walk before God, to do what is pleasing to Him as a new creation and a son of God. *The "realm of grace" works godly stature and Christ-like virtue (purity) into our lives*. The law of God is written in our hearts as Christians and it is perfect righteousness, and holiness is waiting to be carried out by the Spirit in us.

"...unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ..." (Eph. 4:13b).

The main point here is that grace moves us to stature and virtue in Christ!!!

If you're following anything other than this as God's grace, you are following after a different spirit and a counterfeit grace and not the true grace of God.

God's grace teaches that we are to "follow... holiness without which no man will see the Lord." God's grace teaches that the Spirit of God produces holiness in the lives of believers.

"They that are Christ' (fully and completely possessed of Him) have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." "If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit." "He that says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked!" (Rom. 5:24, 25; I Jn. 2:6).

Grace makes us look like Jesus (Christ-like). God's grace teaches us and brings us into being fully possessed of Him, unto righteousness and holiness.

Titus 2:11 & 12 " For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.." God's Grace gives us the ability to establish a pleasing and holy life before the Lord.

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