



God's Amazing Grace Series
Part 3 : God's Saving Grace
Sunday April 12, 2009 (Easter Sunday)

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,
13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

It is the grace of God that brings salvation.

Salvation means total wholeness – forgiveness for all our sins; healing for all our sicknesses; freedom from all forms of captivity; restoration from all forms destruction; peace to troubled minds; safety from harm and danger.

God's Saving Grace is Revealed in Jesus Christ

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. God's grace has been made visible for all to see in the person of Jesus Christ the One who gave Himself for us.

John 1:16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:15

But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift (of righteousness) by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. [italics added]

Christ's death on the cross, burial and resurrection is an expression of God's grace toward us.

- The **pursuit of His grace** is revealed by the fact that the God of glory would pursue sinful man even to the point of taking the extreme step of leaving heaven and walking among men as a man.
- The **expanse of His grace** is revealed to us by the fact that He held nothing back – not even His own life blood. He gave it all, literally every thing, to show us the riches of the grace He was willing to extend toward us.
- The **depth of His grace** is revealed by the fact that He not only came down to earth but descended down to the lower depth of hell (Hades), where we should have gone. He went to the uttermost, to reveal the depth of His grace toward us.
- The **power of His grace** is revealed by the fact that in the display of His grace through His death, burial and resurrection, He broke the power of sin, destroyed satan's power, overcame all of hell and conquered death for us.

Is there any thing more that we can ask for?

God's Saving Grace is Not Earned

Ephesians 2:8,9

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



Romans 11:5,6

5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

Galatians 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Galatians 5:4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Life Application

Many of us, some times even unconsciously base our relationship with God on the "works" we do or have done. We unconsciously "set aside" the grace of God and see our righteousness (our right-standing-with God) emanating from our works. When we do this we have "fallen from grace" and have gone to a lower level of Christian living, trying to live out our relationship with God based on our works. This is a futile and frustrating way to try living the walk of faith.

Galatians 2:21 (MESSAGE BIBLE)

I am not going to go back on that. Is it not clear to you that to go back to that old rule-keeping, peer-pleasing religion would be an abandonment of everything personal and free in my relationship with God? I refuse to do that, to repudiate God's grace. If a living relationship with God could come by rule-keeping, then Christ died unnecessarily.

God's Saving Grace is Received By Faith

Ephesians 2:8,9

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

Romans 4:4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

We have been looking at several grace twins:

- **Truth and Grace** expressed in the person of Jesus.
- God's **Mercy and Grace** flowing out to us.
- **Faith and Grace** working together in the life of the believer.

Everything in our walk with God is "by grace". We appropriate it (make it personal) "by faith". This makes every work of grace equally available to all.

"by grace, through faith"

God's Saving Grace Justifies Us Freely

Romans 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Life Application



Justification (made right in God's sight, made just-as-if-I-never-sinned) is by grace, through faith. It brings me in to a place of "peace with God" – a loving, harmonious, relationship with God. I don't have to strive to be in harmony with God. I am in it, I enjoy it "by grace, through faith"

To Pastors: Explain here how we enjoy our standing in grace, in every day life, through faith.

We walk in our salvation "by grace, through faith". We enjoy justification, healing, deliverance, preservation, wholeness, peace with God – all the blessings of God's saving grace – "by grace, through faith".

[Call for Congregational Response]

Responding to His Saving Grace

2 Corinthians 6:1,2

1 We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 For He says: "IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

[Salvation Call]