



THE GRACE OF GOD

An Allowance of Time



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INTRODUCTION

- The word 'grace' is not always used in the same sense as in the bible
- If you look up grace in the dictionary you will see that there are multiple meanings
- Divine grace in particular is often misunderstood & misinterpreted by people
- This presentation will clarify exactly what God's grace is and how it is pertinent to our salvation



GRACE IS NOT.....

- God's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense (acronym)
- "God's love **FREELY** offered" to **ALL** human beings
- "Unmerited **PARDON** of sins"
- "God's gift of **SALVATION**" granted to **EVERYONE**
- A **LICENSE** to sin

GRACE IS MISUNDERSTOOD

- All of these definitions seem to convey that there is a one sided relationship between God & human beings
 - *God as the supplier & man **exclusively** as the beneficiary*
- The problem with these definitions is that they often mislead people to think that they can gain salvation freely with no effort on their part
- This idea couldn't be further from the truth
- So what is grace & what role does it play in our salvation?

GRACE DEFINED

- **Christ is GRACE (John 1: 14-17)**
- His GRACE is defined as an extension or space of time provided to humankind in order to **PROVE** ourselves worthy to gain salvation
- Think of a **LENDER** that provides a **BORROWER** with additional time to make payment on a debt without penalty
- Christ is the **LENDER** & we are the **BORROWERS**
- We are in debt to Christ because he sacrificed his life & suffered great persecution on our behalf



GRACE DEFINED

- How we make payment to God is by obeying his laws & being willing to suffer trials & persecutions on behalf of the truth
- The additional time provided to us is **LIMITED**
- If we do not obey God within the space of time provided to us the penalty is losing our lives
- To many this penalty seems very harsh; however, God is merciful & gave us a second chance to gain eternal life through grace

WHY WAS GRACE NECESSARY?

- Adam & Eve disobeyed God and ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil
 - *As a result of this transgression all humankind was corrupted with sin & death*
- Despite popular belief, the law was established from the beginning of time and not at the time of Moses
- God made the following judgment:
“The soul that sinneth shall die...”



WHY WAS GRACE NECESSARY?

- Satan knew this judgment and thought that if he could get humankind to sin he could destroy us for good
- God the Father knows all and sees all & designed the blueprint of salvation from the beginning
- What Satan didn't realize is that Christ was slain before the foundation of the world and we were granted grace so that we could overcome
- God was not going to lose not one of his children because of Satan's deceitful ways



THE TRUTH ABOUT GRACE

- It is TRUE that grace is a **'FREE GIFT'**
 - *It was Christ, NOT US, who had to sacrifice his life in order for grace to take effect*
 - *Grace was given to ALL humankind*
 - *This means that every human being has the opportunity to gain salvation*
 - *Salvation is dependent upon whether or not one keeps the laws*
 - *Unfortunately, most people in the world do not take advantage of God's grace & continue to walk in sin*
 - **(Ephesians 4: 7 & Titus 2: 11-14 & Romans 5: 14-15)**



THE TRUTH ABOUT GRACE

- It is TRUE that grace is **‘UNMERITED’**
 - *We were NOT granted grace because of our own merit*
 - *Remember that man transgressed the law from the beginning (e.g. Adam & Eve)*
 - *We don't have the power; nor is there any righteous work that we could have done to enable ourselves to have grace*
 - *We have grace because God is merciful & He gave it to us*
- ***Ephesians 2: 4-5 & 8-9***

MERCY

THE TRUTH ABOUT GRACE

- It is TRUE that grace guarantees a “**RESURRECTION**” for all
 - *When Christ died it ensured that all humankind that died the common death, prior to his coming, would resurrect*
 - *It is important to know that there are two resurrections*
 - *The resurrection of life are for those who obey God*
 - *The resurrection of damnation are for those that do not obey & will die the second or eternal death*

GRACE & THE LAW

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace” (Romans 6: 14)

- When looking at this scripture it may leave one with the impression that you do not have to keep the commandments of God because we have been granted grace
- In the same chapter the Apostle Paul also stated this....

“What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. (Romans 6: 15)”

- Given that sin is defined as the transgression of the commandments it would seem that Apostle Paul is contradicting himself; however, this is not the case

GRACE & THE LAW

- Paul's writings were inspired by the Holy Spirit but are often difficult to understand
- There are three laws that Paul would discuss in his teachings
 - ***Sacrificial Law*** - the law of sacrificing & offering of animals during the Levitical Priesthood
 - ***Law of Sin & Death*** - Eternal death & condemnation if you commit a sin ("The soul that sinneth shall die...")
 - ***Law of the Spirit of Life*** -this law commands us to walk under the guidance of the Holy Spirit who will teach us to obey the 10 commandments & abstain from the works of the flesh, which is sin
- Paul would often state 'the law' without specifying which law he was referring to in his writings

GRACE & THE LAW

- So which law was Paul referring to with the scripture below?.....

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace” (Romans 6: 14)

- He was referring to the Law of Sin & Death
- Since the sin of Adam & Even, ALL of us were born in sin
- If we were still under the Law of Sin & Death we would ALL die the eternal death & there would be no hope for us
- By being under grace, God has granted us TIME to seek & obey his commandments so that we can gain eternal life & escape eternal damnation

GRACE & THE LAW

- If there is still doubt as to whether or not you should still obey God's commandments review what Christ had to say about them

St. John 14: 15

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

Matthew 5: 17

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.”

Matthew 5: 48

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”

FINAL WORDS....

- We ALL have an **OPPORTUNITY** to gain eternal life by the grace & mercy of God
- To take advantage of this opportunity we have to obey God
- God gives us the ability to choose
- Choose **LIFE** by keeping the laws of God while it is still today



QUESTIONS?

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