

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Titus 2:11-12; Ephesians 2:8-9.**
- B. Paul says we are saved by grace. He also says the grace of God has appeared to all men. Let us investigate this concept.
- C. Grace and truth have come through JC, see Jn. 1:17.

I. GRACE SAVES US FROM SIN BY JESUS CHRIST.

- A. We are sinful people, and need to be saved from our sins (Eph. 2:1-3).
And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, **2** in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. **3** Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- B. Paul said in the Roman letter we are all sinners (Rom. 3:10, 23).
(**Rom 3:10**) as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;
(**Rom 3:23**) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- C. But, we are saved by grace through X (Jn. 1:17; Rom. 3:24).
(**Jn 1:17**) For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.
(**Rom 3:24**) being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
- D. God bestowed His grace to man in X (Eph. 1:6).
to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- E. The acrostic of grace applies here: G-od's R-edemption A-t C-hrist's E-xpense.
- F. Grace is obviously unmerited love and favor, something which cannot be earned (Eph. 2:9).
...not as a result of works, that no one should boast.
- G. But Paul also said that we were saved by grace through faith, which means that faith is the access to grace.
Example: a man digs a well to gain access to waters but his digging does not pay for the water, just gives him access to it; the same is true with faith giving access (not paying for) grace.

II. GRACE GIVES US ACCESS TO GOD.

- A. As we spoke before about the illustration of the man digging the well to gain access to the water, faith gives us access to God's grace.
- B. We are saved by grace as accessed by works of faith:
 - 1. Belief in God (Heb. 11:6).
And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
 - 2. Repentance of sin (Titus 2:12).
instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,
 - 3. Baptism for washing and regeneration (Titus 3:5-7; Col. 2:12).
(**Titus 3:5-7**) He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, **6** whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
(**Col 2:12**) having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- C. This is initial access to God in becoming a Xian.

III. MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT GRACE (WHAT GRACE ISN'T).

- A. Grace isn't cheap. It cost Jesus His life and His blood (Ac. 2:47; Eph. 2:8; Ac. 20:28).
(**Ac 2:47**) praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by

day those who were being saved.

(Eph 2:8) For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

(Ac 20:28) "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

- B. Grace is not universal on the unsaved. Grace has APPEARED, not saved all men (Titus 2:11-12; Rom. 5:2).

(Titus 2:11-12) For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, **12** instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

(Rom 5:2) through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

- C. Grace is not a cover-up for sin. We do not sin to receive more grace (see Rom. 5:21-6:1).
- D. Grace does not mean eternal security. It is possible to fall from grace by not doing works of faith (Gal. 5:4).

You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

IV. GRACE IS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING.

- A. Grace teaches us the way of righteousness (Titus 2:12).
instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,
- B. Grace helps keep us humble; because of our works are sinful (1Pet. 5:5).
You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for **GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.**
- C. Our daily service depends on grace. You or I can do nothing to put God in our debt. It would be like borrowing money from our creditor to pay our creditor (Rom. 12:6).
And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;
- D. We are to **grow in grace and knowledge** (2Pet. 3:18). Growing in grace is doing the three things in Titus 2:12.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. All men and women are in need of grace.
- B. Grace is reserved for those who live righteous lives.
- C. Grace helps us in our everyday living.
- D. Faith and the works thereof give us access to grace.
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.