

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **2Timothy 1:6-11**.
- B. Tonight, we continue the sermon series about Grace.
 - 1. Mar. 9 -- Falling From Grace.
 - 2. Mar. 16 -- Living Under Grace.
- C. One cannot preach or teach the great doctrines of the Bible, w/o preaching or teaching grace. Seek to understand grace and you can understand your salvation, calling, election, and justification.

I. SALVATION.

- A. There is a definite link between grace and salvation.
- B. The word *salvation* translated from the Greek means, "deliverance, preservation, or safe return." I like the last one because after being "lost in sin" we have in grace a "safe return" to God.
- C. Several NT scriptures show this to be true.
 - 1. We shall be saved through the grace of our LJC (Ac. 15:11).
 - 2. For by grace you have been saved (Eph. 2:4-9).
 - 3. Jesus came with grace seeking and saving the lost (1Tim. 1:15).
 - 4. Grace has appeared to all (Titus 2:11).
 - 5. The prophets spoke of the grace that should come to you (1Pet. 1:10).

II. CALLING.

- A. The NT also refers to the work of divine grace on the sinner's behalf, through X, as a *calling*.
- B. Notice the following scriptures:
 - 1. Quickly deserted Him who called you in the grace of X (Gal. 1:6).
 - 2. Paul said he was called through God's grace (Gal. 1:15-16).
 - 3. The grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly (1Tim. 1:12-15; esp. v14).
 - 4. Called according to His own purpose and grace (2Tim. 1:8-9).
 - 5. Called by the God of all grace (1Pet. 5:10).
- C. When we are "called by the gospel" (2Th. 2:14) we are being called by grace!

III. ELECTION.

- A. A scriptural concept associated w/our salvation and calling by grace is that of election.
- B. The elect are the people God (1Pet. 2:9); *elect* in the Greek means "a picking out, selection, that which is chosen."
- C. When any sinner answers the gospel call to come to X, he/she is then said to be elected by grace; that is, chosen, picked out, selected by God's unmerited favor to be saved from his sins, to live a life of holiness, and to inherit eternal life in heaven.
- D. See Ephesians 1:4. God did not chose to save by His grace those following Mohammed, Buddha, etc.; the chosen (elected) ones are those who follow X.

IV. JUSTIFICATION.

- A. The best way to understand the concept of justification is to break the word down. Say it slowly like this: It's JUST-AS-IF-I'D never sinned. The suffix -ation means "the result of." When I am justified, I stand in God's presence just as if I'd never sinned. God's grace results in God viewing us and treating us as if we had never sinned.
- B. Notice the following scriptures:
 - 1. Jesus the just and the justifier (Rom. 3:23).

2. Justified by grace (Titus 3:7).
3. Having been justified by His blood (Rom. 5:8-9).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Oh, the great doctrines of grace!
- B. To know that I have salvation (a safe return to God) because of His grace.
- C. To know that I have been called by grace to come to God.
- D. To know that I have been chosen, and have been elected by grace.
- E. To know that I can be justified (pronounced righteous) by God's grace.
- F. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.