

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Titus 2:11-15**.
- B. This sermon is designed to explain more fully the term: the grace of God. What do we mean when we talk about grace?
- C. One use of the word is for a prayer given for food. Another use is the so-called "grace period" insurance companies give for payment of a premium.
- D. Grace makes all spiritual things possible. But the focus today is that *grace teaches*.

## I. EVERYONE NEEDS GOD'S GRACE.

- A. We need God's grace because we have sinned. Our sin has caused a separation between us and God and it is NOT God's fault (Isa. 59:1-2).  
*Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short That it cannot save; Neither is His ear so dull That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear.*
- B. God must extend His grace toward us (unmerited favor) if we are to be saved. Mercy comes first, and then grace. It has been said, "Mercy is not receiving what you deserve, and grace is receiving what you didn't deserve."
- C. Some have tried us illustrate God' grace by putting the English word in the form of an acrostic: G = God's, R = Redemption, A = At, C = Christ's, E = Expense.

## II. WHAT ARE THE MEANS AND ACCESS OF GRACE?

- A. Grace and truth came through JC (see Jn. 1:17).
- B. God's grace has been freely bestowed on us by God in His son (Eph. 1:6).  
*to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.*
- C. Grace make the following things possible:
  1. Our salvation from sin. Grace is God's part; faith is our part (Eph. 2:8-9).  
*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast.*
  2. Our calling and election. Called by the gospel and grace (2Th. 2:14; 2Tim. 1:8-9).  
*(2Th 2:14) And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*  
*(1Tim 1:8-9) Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,*  
*We are His election by His choice and our choice (Rom. 8:33; 1Pet. 2:9).*  
*(Rom 8:33) Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;*  
*(1Pet 2:9) But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*
  3. Our justification and redemption.  
*God justifies us by the death, burial, & resurrection of X (Rom. 3:2-,24; 4:24-25).*  
*(Rom 3:23-24) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;*  
*(Rom 4:24-25) but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25] He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.*  
*We are redeemed by X's blood (Eph. 1:7).*  
*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,*

4. Our reconciliation.

We receive this reconciliation (Rom. 5:11).

And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

We have a ministry of reconciliation (2Cor. 5:18-21).

Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, **19** namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. **20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21** He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- C. The apostle Paul puts another concept into play, as he speaks of the grace of God as that which *teaches us* (see Ti. 2:11,12). Grace teaches us how to be saved, but it also teaches us how to live the Xian life.

III. **GRACE FOR EVERYDAY LIVING (Titus 2:11-12).**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

Let us focus on five things that grace can teach us about everyday living:

- A. Grace can teach us what to say at the right time (Eph. 4:29).

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.

- B. Grace gives us the strength to live each day (2Tim. 2:1).

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

- C. Grace will help us to remain humble (Jas. 4:6-7).

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." **7** Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

- D. Grace will allow us to use the gifts given us (Rom. 12:4-6).

For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, **5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. **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;

- E. Grace helps us labor when times are bad (1Cor. 15:10).

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

**CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.**

- A. God is the God of all grace (1Pet. 5:10).

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

- B. We have become what we are via the grace of the God (1Cor. 1:31).

..that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

- C. May we learn from His grace, the strive to remain in His grace (2Pet. 1:10-11).

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; **11** for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.