

The Grace That Grips

If Grace showed up at your doorstep would you recognize (HIM), would you invite (HIM) in, would you let (HIM) take control of your life. Two-thousand years ago a miracle took place in a little town of Bethlehem, a baby boy was born by Virgin birth, God the Messiah had come to earth. Kings came from a distant land to see the Baby-boy that the star of Jacob predicted. Shepherds in a nearby field were visited by angels with the good news that salvation had come to all men bringing peace and joy with him. A King was born in a manger!

How many of us would find grace in a manger, how many of us would take time to even visit that little humble stable. I do believe that not many of us would take a trip to see a baby in a trough. We would probably be too busy or we might just say, "A baby born in a manger that's ridiculous." Ah but it did happen and the world will never be the same because of it. A savior was BORN to save us from sin, to show us the light of life and to drive away the darkness. Where else would a LAMB be born!

When you ask people, "What is Grace to you?" You would find that people will never give you an answer that is negative. Grace is a word that is sweet and it describes something special, for some reason grace is a word that projects life. We can never put a price on grace anymore than we can put a price on the Mona Lisa. Grace gives us a sense of ability, it makes the impossible possible. What is it about grace that gives us the sense of humbleness, it makes us think, it causes us to pause and gives us the opportunity for life! Yes, we find life in the word "GRACE."

Grace can only be touched by humbleness, the proud would never be able to live out grace nor can they comprehend the essence of it, it is only apprehended by those who have been laid low. If you are a Christian or if you have experienced the grace of God in your life then you will know that it is impossible to live without grace.

It is impossible to become a Christian outside of grace or to live the Christian life without grace. We can never be separated from that part of Christian living because it vitally effects every part of life. True freedom comes when we discover

grace, God is kind and loves to reveal grace to us. Grace gives us a chance to understand the life of God.

The Law of Moses The Grace Of Jesus

The law of God was given by Moses but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ and he alone. No other figure in the entire universe and in all creation is able to inspire, to give, to instruct and to save. Only Jesus can save by his grace!

Man needs law to understand the concept, principle and choice to live by and in good moral values. When we break those laws we are convicted, judged and condemned and therefore we must pay a price, whether it is jail time or a fine or whatever the law places upon us. Grace sets us free not from the moral value of the law but it puts in us the desire to want to do good, to keep the law because we are able to and not because we are forced to do it.

The law was given so that we can see what we are and what we are not able to do. We are sinners by birth and because of the law of sin working in our members, we are unable to keep the law of God because his law is holy and divine. (If we break one we break them all) Grace gives us the ability to want to keep the law of God because we love God, and although we failed to keep the law we understand that God gives us grace to be above the law so that we are not condemn by it.

So when we considered the Mosaic law for Christians, it must be compared to the grace of God in Christ. The Ten Commandments are the outstanding feature in the Old Testament, but the grace of God in Christ is the outstanding motivator in the New Testament.

Although many books have been written on the subject one can never truly and profoundly understand the mystery of grace. One thing is for sure, grace is eternal reflecting the very face of God. The very throne Room of God is the atmosphere of total grace. Heaven is permeated with the grace of God and it is the controlling factor that flows through every created being.

Grace is evidence that God is merciful and that his love abides forever through faith in the heart of the believer. Grace lifts us up higher than we can ever go on our own. It amazes us when we've been touched and transformed by its power.

Grace changes us when we understand the glory of it and gives us the benefit of enjoying the very presence of the one who gives it. It changes the heart like nothing else can and gives us grand visions of all the creation of God and makes us grateful to know that we are saved by it.

One cannot enjoy the benefits of eternal life without grace, cannot see the face of Christ and appreciate the sacrifice of his cross. Grace appears and brings salvation, it teaches us to say no to all the things that are contrary to truth. It gives us hope while we wait for the eternal blessing and return of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Grace justifies us and allows us to stand before his Throne to receive help in times of need. The essence of grace can never die for it bears the mark of the beloved Jesus Christ and grants eternal life to all those who believe in him.

Grace is not man grasping God, grace is God gripping man. If we understand this simple logic, then we will come to a place where we can simply pause, take a deep breath and say, thank you God for the gift of grace.

Although man wants to live by grace he often finds himself struggling with the principle of law because the mind is unable to grasp the true meaning of grace, it must be revealed and taught to us by God. Grace is found in his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. No other person in all history has ever displayed the grace of God more than Jesus, he is the very expression of love and grace in action. His mercy extends throughout all eternity and will be the focus of our attention forever.

Salvation by grace

A person who works is paid wages, but it's not regarded as a gift; it is something that has been earned. Those who depend on grace through faith, and not on deeds, and who believe in the God who declares the guilty to be innocent, it is this faith that God takes into account so that man is put right with God.

Do we understand that the gift of God is salvation, and we can do nothing to add to that saving grace. It is something that is given by the gracious hand of God. This

is why we can say with John in Chapter 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son so that whoever believes in him would not perish but have everlasting life. What tremendous grace, what benevolence from heaven, what strength and power, this can only be God's doing. Oh the mystery and depth of grace.

The condemnation that we deserve did not come to us because Jesus Christ took our guilt and our sin upon himself and he died for it. We now have eternal life because Christ Jesus gave his life for us. We live on the credit of his finish work on the cross. We are part of the inheritance of Christ by faith and we enjoy the benefits of his grace by faith. We were brought into the fold because Christ made a way for us by opening the door to heaven. Man could never enter into that holy place to be with God because of sin, but we now have a place at the throne because of Jesus.

Grace is the benefit that comes from God, it is a gift to man in order for him to understand the goodness, and mercy of God. If we try to figure this out with our own minds, we will only fail to understand what God wants to convey to humanity.

In the personage of God, he took on flesh, and became a man so that we could grasp the true meaning of grace. This benefit comes only in the person of Jesus Christ, for from him flows every blessing. If it were not for God that he wakes us up in the morning, that he gives us life and he give us understanding, we will never be able to enjoy this life.

Even those outside of salvation benefit from the grace of God. Grace is more than just an essence that we can grasp on to, it is the expression of the heart of God giving life, liberty and makes everyone gift work for the good.

When you watch a dancer glide along the floor, there is tangibility of the power of grace in action, that is to say, moving GRACE. Every movement of the body gives us evidence that grace is real and active. The movement of life comes by grace, it comes by the active force of God's presence to give us power and the ability to do what he wants us to do.

Where do you stand when it comes to Grace? are you fully persuaded that grace is all you need to live the Christian life? If not you need to consider that your salvation is given to you because of grace. When we allow grace to take control, we will see great things happen in our lives and in the lives around us. Trust that his grace is sufficient for you.

HE HOLDS YOU TIGHTLY IN HIS GRACE THAT GRIPS, John 10:28-29!

God bless

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