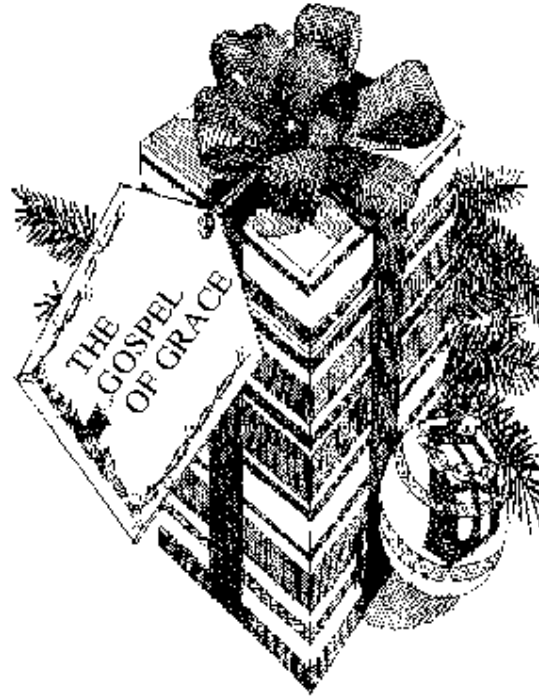


GRACE AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD



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Heb 12:28 & 29

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GRACE-CHARIS
GIFTS OF GRACE-CHARISMA

1. The unmerited favor and love of God toward man in Christ
2. Spiritual excellence and virtue
3. Divine sanctifying, regenerating, and preserving influence
4. The divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life
5. The mercy of God as distinguished from His justice, also any benefits his mercy imparts; divine love or pardon
6. A state of acceptance with God; enjoyment of the divine favor called more fully "state of grace"
7. A dispensation
8. To dignify or raise by an act of favor; to honor
9. The power and ability to perform the will of God
10. Granting temporary exemption from a penalty. A reprieve i.e. "a years grace"

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THE GRACE UPON THE MESSIAH

1. Lk. 2:40- The grace of God was upon Him
 - a. Ps. 45:2- Grace is poured upon (through) your lips

2. Jn. 1:14-16 (read 9-13 Born of God)
 - a. "Full of grace and truth" vs. 14
 - b. Fullness- "grace upon grace" vs. 16
 - c. Law by Moses, grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ" vs. 17
 - 1) 2 Tim. 2:1- "Be strong in the grace"

3. Heb. 2:9 "He, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man"

4. Heb. 12:2 " fixing our eyes upon Jesus, the author and finisher (perfecter) of our faith
 - a. Jn. 6:40- "beholds the Son and believes"
 - b. Zech 12:10- "the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced. . ."

5. 2 Cor 8:9 " For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might be rich."
 - a. 2 Cor. 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness."

GRACE-THE RECKONING OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

1. Rom 3:20-28 (24)-"being justified as a gift by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."
2. Rom 4:1-5&14-25 (16)-"Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace."
3. Rom 5:1&2, 8-11, 17-21(15)-"for if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, has abounded unto many."
 - a.(17)-"For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."
 - b.(20-21) ". . . But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
4. Rom 6:14&15-". . . for you are not under law but under grace."
5. Gal. 2:21-" I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."
 - a. Gal. 5:4-". . . you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
6. Eph. 2:4-10 (8&9)-"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."
7. Tit. 3:7-" that having been justified by his grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."
 - a. 1 Pet. 3:7- " heirs together of the grace of life."
8. Acts 15:11-"But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD

1. Acts 20:24-" . . . the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the **gospel of the grace** of God."
 - a. Acts 15:7-21 (11)"But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall all be saved in the same manner as they."
 1. Giving them the Holy Spirit-8
 2. Purifying their hearts by faith-9
 3. . . .test God by putting a yoke(bondage)-10
 4. The tabernacle of David, a picture of grace-16&17
 5. Simple requirements-20
 - b. The gospel for the uncircumcised- Gal.1:7-16
 1. Peter's fear-11-16
2. 2 Cor.11:2-4 " For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear as the serpent beguiled Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted. . . ."
3. Eph.3:2-" the dispensation of **grace** which was given to me "
 - a. vs.3-12
 - b. 1Pet.4:10-" good stewards of the manifold **grace** of God"
4. Heb.12:14-15 " Pursue peace with all men and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the **grace of God**; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled"
5. Heb.12:28- "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have **grace**, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire."

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6. Heb.13:9-10 "Do not be carried away with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by **grace**, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. (read 12-16)

7. Jn. 1:14 & Rev 22:21- This age opens and closes with **grace**

GRACE AND THE SPIRIT OF ADULTERY

1. James 4:1-10

a. Lovers of pleasure -vs.1-3

1) 2 Tim. 3:4&5

b. " Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." -vs.4

1) 1 Jn. 2:15-17

2) James 1:27

c. "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously" -vs.5

d. "He gives more grace." -vs.6

e. "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble"

1) Vines- " If those who are acting so flagrantly, as if it were so, will listen to the scriptures instead of letting it speak in vain and will act so that the Holy Spirit may have His way within, God will give even 'a greater grace' namely all that follows from humbleness and from turning away from the world."

f. Submit, resist, flee-vs.7

g. Draw near, cleanse your hands, purify your hearts

h. Mourn for sin

i. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up."

1) Jude 17-25

THE ENEMIES OF GRACE
TWO EXTREMES OF THE FLESH

HUMANISM-The exaltation of man's concepts- a sympathy for the works of the flesh

- 1.Licentiousness-def. unrestrained liberty,morality syn. lasciviousness, dissolute
 - a. Jude 1:4- " turn the grace of God into . . .
 - b. 1 Cor.5:9-12- Not to keep company
 - c. 1 Cor 6:9-20- Unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God
- 2.Steps of destruction-2Pet.2: 9-
 - a.vs. 10- lust of uncleanness-
 - b.presumptuous, self willed
 - c.vs.14-eyes full of adultery
 - d.trained in covetous practices
 - e.vs.18&19-through liscence bring others into bondage
 - f.vs.20- their end is worse than their evil beginnings- return to vomit
- 5.Immorality-Eph. 4:17-20
 - a.uncleanness&greediness
- 6.Idolatry-the golden calf
 - a.Ex32- b. Rom1:18-32 (9steps
 - b.Col.3:5 covetousness which is idolatry-def-"the inordinate desire for gain or possession"
 1. love of money
- 7.Utopian delusions-
 - a. communism
 - b. new world order etc.



LEGALISM-Placing confidence in the outward man-trust in rules and regulations to save and keep

- 1.circumcision-Gal2:4-5&11-21
 - a. spy out our liberty- 4
 - b. truth of the gospel-5
 - c. seperated himself,fear-12
 - d. negates the cross-19-21
- 1)Gal.6:12-18
 - a) avoid suffering-12
 - b) glory in your flesh(control)-13
 - c) Remedy- 14-16
 - 1]Glory in the cross
 - 2] New creation
 - 3] Peace and mercy
- 2.Hypocrisy-"to play a part, pretend to be what one is not. Concealing true character. False appearance of true religion or morals. Counterfeiting religion.
 - a. Mt. 23
 - 1) to be seen by men-5
 - 2) shut up the kingdom-13
 - 3) proselytize for hell-15
 - 4) love money-16
 - 5) justice, mercy, faith-23
 - 6) swallow a camel-24
 - 7) lawless-28
 - 8) murdered the prophets-29-30
 - b. Rom2:17-29-" he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God."

REMEDY FOR BOTH- COL.2:6-3:11

GRACE IN THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT BEFORE THE LAW

1. Rom.4:9-25 Abraham the model of grace
 - a. While uncircumcised 9-12
 - b. Promise to Abraham by grace-16
 - c. "Fully convinced that what He had promised. He was able to perform"-21

2. Gal.3:8-Preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand
 - a. Sons of Abraham-7&9
 - b. Abraham and his Seed, Christ-16-29
 - 1) Rom. 11:1
 - 2) Abrahamic covenant stands-17
 - a) Everlasting covenant

3. Gal.4:22- Abraham's two sons
 - a. Flesh vs. Promise, bondage vs. freedom, two covenants-23-27
 - b. Children of promise, Isaac-28
 - c. Flesh persecutes Spirit-29
 - d. Cast out the bondwoman-30&31

4. Heb.6:13- God's promise to Abraham unchangeable
 - a. Guaranteed by oath-17
 - b. Hope which enters the Presence-19&20

5. Heb.7:1- The same priesthood (Gen.14:18-20)
 - a. Abraham tithed to and received communion from Melchizedek-2
 - b. Melchizedek like the Son of God-2&3
 - c. Levi through Abraham paid tithes-9&10
 - d. Jesus a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek-21
 - 1) a better covenant-22
 - 2) an unchanging priesthood-24
 - e. Therefore able to save to the uttermost-25
 - 1) Jesus personally intercedes
 - 2) In heaven in the presence of God-Heb.9:24

THE THRONE

GRACE AND THE NEW COVENANT

Heb.8:8-13 Jer.31:31-34

Obsolete, not according to the old-vs.8,9,13

a.2 Cor.5:17- NEW CREATION

1).Gal.6:14-18

THE I WILLS OF THE NEW COVENANT

1. I will put my laws in their mind

a. 1 Cor. 2:14-16- "We have the mind of Christ"

b. Rom 12.2- "renewing"

2. I will write them on their hearts

a. 2 Cor. 3:3-"living epistles

b. Rom 2:12-15

1) Acts 15:16-21

3.I will be their God-Adoption (739-Thomp.)

a. De.14:2

c. Ro.8:15&Gal4:5-6

b. Jn.1:12

d. 2Cor6:17-18

4. They shall be my people

a. All shall know me from the least to the greatest

5. I will be merciful to their wickedness, iniquities { lawless deeds }

a. Is.33:24&53:5-6

d.Mt. 7.23

b. Ps.51:5

e.Rom.6:11-23

c. Ps.32:2

f.James3:6

6. I will remember their sins no more!!! (3125&3127-Thomp.)

a. Pardon(forgiveness)& remission(dismissal, release)

1)1Jn.1:9

5)Lk.3:3&24:47

2)Mi.7:18

6)Acts 2:38

3)Ps.103:10-12

7)Heb.9:22

4)Mt.26:28

1. THE RIGHT OF ENTRANCE - Heb.10

- a. Sanctification by grace-10-14
- b. Remission of sin- 17
- c. No further offerings for sin-18
- d. Boldness to enter the holiest by the blood of Jesus-19
- e. A new and living way-19
- f. Through the veil, His flesh-N
- g. Draw near with a true heart-22
- h. Hold fast the confession of our hope-23

2. REST AND THE SPIRIT OF GRACE-Heb.4

- a. Do not harden your hearts-7
 - 1) unbelief - 3:12&19
 - 2) rebellion -3:15 NO TURNING BACK
 - 3) disobedience -3: 18
- b. Ceased from his own works -10
- c. Belief in Christ only - Jn. 6:28-29
 - 1) believe what I've already confessed-Heb.4: 14

3. ACCOUNTABILITY-Heb. 4

- a. The Word of God-12
- b. The Eyes of Him to whom we must give account-13

4. Our High Priest understands TEMPTATION- Heb.4: 15

- a. Sympathizes with our weaknesses(shared fully)
 - 1) 2 Cor.12:7-10-" my grace is sufficient"
- b. In all points tempted as we are, yet without sin

5.THE THRONE OF GRACE-Heb.4: 16

- a. Come boldly - (Heb.10:19) -the blood
- b. Mercy for our failures
 - 1)Propitiation(mercy seat)-1 Jn.2:1-2 & 4:10
 - a) Rom.3:24-26
 - b) Eph. 3:18- access to the Father
- c. Grace to help for the hour of need

GRACE AND THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

1.2 Cor.9:6-15

- a. Law of sowing and reaping a constant
- b. God loves a cheerful giver
- c. God is able to make all grace abound-S
 - 1) all sufficiency
 - 2) abundance d.Prayer-10
 - 1) Multiply seed, increase fruit of righteousness-10
 - 2) You are enriched to be generous-li a)Ps 51:12- uphold me wit your generous spirit
- e. Giving glorifies God- 13
 - 1) Obedience to the gospel
 - 2) Generous sharing
 - 3) Evidence of the Grace of God in YOU- 14
- f. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift “-15
 - 1) The nature of our Father is to give. Christ is his gift to us-Jn.3:16
 - 2) Christ’s gift to us is the Holy Spirit-Jn.14: 16,26;16.7;20:22
 - 3) The Spirit distributes gifts to each one as He wills-I Cot. 12.11
 - 4) Every good and perfect gift comes down from above-James 1:17
 - 5) The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable-Rom. 1:29
 - 6) The gifts differ according to the amount of grace given-Rom 12:6
 - 7) Humility is the key to the gifts glorifying Christ-Rom.12:3 a) the gifts of the spirit, yes! (a dream)

GRACE IN RELATIONSHIPS

1. Instructions to a disciple, Timothy-2 Tim.2:1-2

"You therefore, my son be strong in the **grace** that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

2. In Marriage-1 Pet.3:7

" Likewise you husbands, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the **grace of life**, that your prayers may not be hindered."

- a. Joint heirs of the grace
- b. Prayers not hindered

3. In Speech and Conduct.- Col.4:6

" Let your speech always be with **grace**, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."

a. Eph.4:(29)-32 "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart **grace** to the hearers."

1) Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking, malice-31

2) Busybody-

3) Kind, tenderhearted, forgiving-3

b. Heb.13:9-"Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened (established) by **grace**, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them.

1) Col.3:16-. . ."singing with **grace** in your hearts to the Lord."

4. The Sustaining Relationship-Phil.2:13

" For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

5. Apostolic greetings and benedictions- (epistles)