

# *Mt. Lebanon Church.*

Gods Grace

Gods Grace after Salvation – Part 3

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you have run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the bible study.

## **John 1: 1 – 18.**

Gods grace in us, means living daily by the grace of God. It means walking with him in humble faith and trusting in him. It means bearing fruit and walking in his good works all while seeing our life of obedience in Christ and his word develop. Gods grace means growing and maturing in his word.

**Romans 10: 16 – 17,....**so then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God....

As we hear the word of God, and it stirs our faith, it speaks to us the word of God. As believers, we can trust that there will always be an abundant supply of God's grace, because it never fails. Therefore, we come to understand it, and rely upon it. As we understand and rely upon his grace, then it will not fail to help us to bring forth fruit in our lives.

**Colossians 1: 3 – 8,....**because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before, in the word of truth, of the gospel....is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth....

The scripture explains how simple and powerful the word of God is, and describes the humility and faith through the work of the Lord which brings forth fruit in our lives, and although we cannot see the mystery of it, we can watch the effects of it in others.

**John 15: 1 – 8**,....every branch that bears fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit....the branch cannot bear fruit of itself....he who abides in me and I in him, bears much fruit....you bear much fruit, so you will be my disciples....

Bearing fruit, truly comes about by the grace of God. As we relate to Christ, he is ready, willing, and able, to provide us the pathway that we need to walk, humbly with him, not doubting, but taking him at his word. Bearing fruit means we are living day by day, by the grace of God.

**1 Corinthians 15: 9 – 11**,....but by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain....

It is only by God's grace that we become what we are in Christ. He transforms us, and he sends us forth as his messenger. Our ability to do the things that we do, all comes from God. God uses our good works to show his kindness to others. As Christians, we should all carry out the same work of God, we should all declare the same message, we should all teach the same truth. We may have different opinions, but we should all agree upon the saving grace of God that comes through Christ and the cross.

**James 4: 4 – 10**,....he gives more grace....God resist the proud, but gives grace to the humble....

Sin in our life is devastating and wicked, but God gives more grace, he continues to forgive our sinfulness, through Christ, and gives us goodness, that we have not earned. We, at times, attempt to be the God of our own lives, but God will lovingly, but, jealously, oppose us when we do so, but, he will not reject us in Christ. Instead, he calls us to humble ourselves, to repent of our sins, to receive with gratitude, all the wisdom and goodness and grace he chooses to give unto us.

God encourages us to seek wisdom, to avoid pridefulness, to walk accordingly to the indwelling Holy Spirit, and live humbly before God.

**2 Corinthians 9: 8 – 11,....**God is able to make all grace abound toward you....he who supplies seed to the sower....supply and multiply the seed you have sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness....

All that we do, we do out of God's grace and his love. God gives, God provides, God makes us capable of giving. This gift of giving, in itself is a seed that will produce more and more righteousness. As soon as we are saved, God started a new work within us, this life changing work was and is God's process of sanctification, being transformed daily into the image and likeness of Christ. We die to self, and live for him, which will bring Glory to him.

**Galatians 1: 3 - 5,....**Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us....

This describes the simple, gospel message, which was received directly from God, and was based upon the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ. The gospel of salvation, which is based upon justification and sanctification, and has nothing to do with worldliness or sin. Christ gave his life for our sins, in order, to save us, knowing that our sin separated us from God. He gave himself for us, because this was the will of the Father in heaven.

**2 Timothy 1: 8 – 12,....**The power of God, who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling....according to his own purpose and grace....I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep what I have committed unto him, until that day....

Often times, in our lives, we miss the true purpose of the word of God. God's word is meant to show mankind his own sinfulness, his wrong doings, how to repent of them, how to overcome, how to go through, by the leadership and guidance of God, through Christ, by the Holy Spirit. If we do not think that we sin, then we are not checking ourselves against the word of God.

**Romans 3: 23,....**for all have sinned and come short of the word of God....

Through Christ and the cross, God saved us from the penalty of sin. God, continues to save us from the power of sin as we live our Christian life, and will continue to save from the presence of sin, up and to the time that we stand before him in our glorified bodies, and this is all due to God's grace.

We are not redeemed, nor have we accepted salvation, because of anything that we have done. Not due to our own merit, or our own goodness, or our own achievements, or our own life long accomplishments, but due to his grace. We are predestined before time, to trust in him, and become like him.

**Romans 8: 28 – 30,....**for we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called, according to his purpose....

We are called to be holy, called to be spirit filled, called to be set apart in God, not separated from God, called to live a Godly life that is to be well pleasing unto him. It is Gods will and purpose for all to come to know his Son, Christ, through salvation, and it is all by his grace.

**2 Corinthians 5: 9 – 11,....**therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing unto him....

Gods grace keeps us going with the mission of salvation, provided unto us by Christ, who gave his life, for this purpose.

We understand and believe in the gospel, and how much better our heavenly life will be compared to this temporary life, in this temporary body. Our goal, which is Gods intention for us, is to please Christ. To live everyday how he would live, and to complete everyday, his ultimate purpose of his salvation in our lives, and the lives of those around us.

It is Christ love that motivates us to proclaim the gospel of his salvation to the unbelievers. By justification, which is God's grace to the unsaved, and through sanctification, which is God's grace to the believer, both which are acquired by faith, through his grace. By this we are able to receive and present salvation to the world. Unbelievers cannot earn salvation through works, Christians, cannot live a Godly life through works of the flesh. We are saved by faith, we walk by faith, all due to the grace of God.

Faith, through grace, is not only required for salvation, but is necessary to live a victorious Christian life. It means that we completely trust in God, and that we are totally obedient to his word.

**Philippians 1: 3 – 11,....**being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ....that your love may abound....that you may approve the things that are excellent....that you may be sincere....being filled with the fruits of righteousness....

We should have no doubts about our salvation and our faithful service to Christ. To become more Christlike daily in our lives is a process, and must be rooted and grounded in the work of his word. This allows us to focus on the goodness of Christ in our lives, that comes by the grace of God.

God alone started this work within our lives, through salvation, and only God can continue his work of sanctification within us, as we live our life upon this earth. God only, can carry out the good works, that he has purposed for us to do as we submit to him through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Then will he perfect his good work which he started in us, so that we may achieve the spiritual maturity in our lives, that he has instored for us.

Our love, for the body of Christ should be a love that is reflected out of that which we have for Christ himself. We grieve when we are slow of heart to hear his word, we are reprimanded when we fall into sin, corrected when we are lured into temptation, but, we rejoice in knowing that through all these things we grow in God's grace.

As we become rooted and grounded in the word of truth, our love for God and our love for one another in Christ begins, and continues to grow. Our knowledge in Christ increases, and we continually become conformed to his image and his likeness.

God's love is everlasting, his grace is indestructible. He is infinite and without measure. Godly wisdom, and spiritual understanding, increases and abounds in our life, as we draw closer to God, grow in his grace, and develop a more intimate relationship with Christ through the knowledge of God.

Let us pray

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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