

You Just Receive Through Grace

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For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). (Romans 5:17 AMPC)

When more and more people hear the true gospel that is unadulterated by man's efforts, you will hear of more and more miracles and supernatural breakthroughs in the Church.

And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked. (Acts 14:8-10 NKJV)

Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. (Acts 13:38, 39 NKJV)

Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. (Acts 14:3 NKJV)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, (Psalms 103:1-3 NKJV)

Forgiveness of your iniquities comes before the healing of your diseases. Once you know that you have been forgiven of all your sins, past, present, and future the healing will happen.

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.”

II Peter 1:5-9 NKJV

There is many believers who are suffering from sicknesses and diseases because of guilt. That is why the gospel is so powerful. It is the good news of God's grace and forgiveness that frees the believer from every sense of feeling guilty or condemned and gives him the power to break free from the vicious circle of condemnation and sin.

And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:33 NKJV)

The Bible declares that where there is great grace, there is great power.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. (II Corinthians 12:7 NKJV)

Thorn in the flesh in this verse does not mean sickness or disease. Thorn in the flesh means, "messenger of satan." Messenger refers to someone who is sent and denotes a personality.

Evil personality who instigated people to attack and to stop the good news. Paul preached the good news everywhere He went.

What did God tell Paul about "the thorn in the flesh?"

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses,

for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (II Corinthians 12:8-10 NKJV)

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. (Acts 19:11, 12 NKJV)

Maybe able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:18, 19 NKJV)

It says that when you know the love of Christ, you will be filled with the fullness of God!

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (I John 4:9, 10 NKJV)

The love of God is not contingent on our behavior. It is contingent entirely on His grace and the work of His Son Jesus Christ.

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7 NKJV)

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:5 NKJV)

Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (Ephesians 2:5 NKJV)

The Word "saved" comes from the Greek Word "sozo." The word is in present tense. It means that the action of the verb occurred in the past and results linger in the present. Paul is saying, that our salvation was accomplished in the past and we now exist as saved in the present.

By grace have you have been saved completely in past time, with the present result that you are in a state of salvation, which persists through the present time. Eph. 2:5 wuest

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God; Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.] (Ephesians 2:8, 9 AMPC)

Grace is the Greek Word "charis" means divine influence upon the heart that is a reflection in their life.

In the American Heritage Dictionary defines gift as something that is bestowed voluntarily and without compensation.

And by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (II Corinthians 9:14, 15 NKJV)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (James 1:17 NKJV)

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