

Releasing All Grace

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Introduction Summary

God gave the Christian grace to help whenever needed. In this message you will see one facet of *grace*. Then, you will see the very thing that releases all grace so that you can have all grace abounding toward you every time you need it.

- I. Grace (Gk.: *charis*) is power to assist you at your point of need (Heb. 4:16).
 - A. Mercy (Gk.: *eleos*) is compassion. A compassionate person has a heart that is tender and is moved by the distress, suffering, or infirmities of others.
 - B. The Spirit of grace is a New Testament name of God. He is the Holy Spirit (Heb. 10:29). He is there to help you in your time of need.
 - C. God's great grace moved the people's heart to give all they had (Acts 4:31-34).
 - D. Everyone who came to them were healed (Acts 5:16).
 - E. By grace you are saved through the door of faith (Eph. 2:8; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- II. When you give, God makes all grace abound to you (2 Cor. 9:8-9).
 - A. All (Web. 1828 ed): everyone or the whole number of particulars; the whole quantity, extent, duration, amount, quality or degree; as in all wheat; all the land; all the year; all the strength. This word signifies the whole or entire thing, or all parts or particulars which compose it.
 - B. When you say all grace abounds to you, you are saying the entire panorama of the Holy Spirit abounds to you.
 - C. If you have *all* of something, you lack *none* of it.
 - D. You can have *all* manifest in one area of your life and lack in another.
 1. One can have lots of money, but personal relationships are a mess.
 2. One can have a healthy marriage and family, but body needs healing.
 - E. 2 Cor. 8:9 tells you how to have *everything* you need.
 - F. All (Gk.: *pas*) means *all, any, every, the whole--all manner of, always, thoroughly, whatsoever, whole, whosoever*.
 - G. In Acts chapter four, all their hearts were changed.
 - H. That grace (Holy Spirit power) can get involved in your relationships, circumstances and things to bring sufficiency.
- III. Grace (Gk.: *charis*) also means graciousness, divine influence upon the heart; gratitude, acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, joy, liberality, pleasure, thanks, worthy.
 - A. 2 Cor. 8:1 God's grace was granted to an entire region of churches. The grace of God can fall on the state of Michigan, like the Azusa Street Revival in 1906.
 - B. 2 Cor. 8:1-2 Their response to deep poverty was joy.

- C. Grace of God is The Holy Spirit is also called the wisdom of God. Wisdom will show you beyond what you see or hear. You need revelation.
- IV. Peter had revelation that Jesus is the Messiah (Mat. 16:13-19). Satan cannot take advantage of a church with revelation from God.
- V. God, through the Holy Ghost, opened the understanding of the church at Macedonia and showed them how to deal with the deep poverty and affliction (2 Cor. 8:1-2).
- A. When looking and hearing things, look for the spiritual reason first.
 - 1. Don't be moved by the news media, people groups or relatives.
 - 2. Be moved by the Word. God will open your understanding about the matter.
 - B. The *keys of the kingdom* is *the authority of Jesus* (Mat. 16:19; Mar. 16:15).
 - C. They needed help because they were in deep poverty and affliction (2 Cor. 8:9).
 - 1. You must exercise faith: hear, receive, believe, speak, and act on the Word.
 - 2. God will help you as far as He can (Psa. 138:2).
 - D. God opened their eyes and showed them how to reverse their impoverished state by giving (2 Cor. 8:1-4). Then they acted on what God showed them.
 - E. They gave themselves to the Lord, first (2 Cor. 8:4-5).
 - F. Grace can be translated "gift" (2 Cor. 8:6).
 - 1. Abound in this grace more and more: giving more (2 Cor. 8:7).
 - 2. Their giving (*this grace*) initiated grace to assist them where they needed it.
 - G. In 2 Cor. 8:9, *Grace* can be translated *graciousness* (2 Cor. 8:8-9).
 - 1. Jesus gave up His standing with God and took our sin nature.
 - 2. He gave us the right to be sons of God.
 - H. Grace is there to meet you at your point of need.
 - 1. We ought to be forever grateful for His grace.
 - 2. We ought to be in church worshipping God with the saints, not at home watching on the internet.
 - I. Act on what you believe (2 Cor. 8:10-11).
 - 1. Paul is telling them to do what they intended to do.
 - 2. Someone intends to lose 75 pounds, but never does it.
 - 3. When you don't act on what you hear, you deceive yourself.
 - J. There is a time you need to reap. Other times you need to sow (2 Cor. 8:12-14).
 - 1. Satan tries to keep it from the believers.
 - 2. In Mark chapter four, there are four classes of people. Only one in four acted on the Word.
 - K. *This grace* refers to their offering to the poor (2 Cor. 8:15-19).

Closing Summary

Grace is available to help us when we need it. The way to release all grace is by being a giver. It is the giver who will experience grace abounding toward them in every part of the life. We ought to be grateful for the privilege of having grace given to us.