

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Occasion : Worship Service
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TITLE : THE GRACE OF GOD. WHAT IT BRINGS
Text/s :

Titus 2:11-15

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Bible Reading :

John 1:14-17

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
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Song :

INTRODUCTION

Many talk about the grace of God. They sing about it. But then they live as if the grace of God is not a reality. They refer to God as being gracious but live as though God does not know what He is doing and He does not have any knowledge of what a man undergoes. He preaches that a man is saved by grace through faith but utterly disregard the effect of grace upon his soul.

Grace. (1) Favour (Ruth 2:2,10); (2) The free, unmerited eternal salvation of God (Eph. 2:8-9); (3) A spiritual endowment, gift or empowerment (Ac. 14:26).

“Grace is what God may be free to do, and indeed what he does, accordingly, for the lost after Christ has died on behalf of them” (Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology, 7:178). **It is thus apparent that God's grace is to be distinguished from His mercy and love:**

Eph 2:4-5

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

"Mercy is therefore the compassion of God that moved Him to provide a Savior for the unsaved. Had God been able to save even one soul on the ground of His sovereign mercy alone, He could have saved every person on that basis, as Lewis Sperry Chafer points out, and the death of Christ would not have been a necessity. Divine love on the other hand is the motivating plan behind all that God does in saving a soul. But since God is holy and righteous, and sin is a complete offense to Him, His love or His mercy cannot operate in grace until there is provided a sufficient satisfaction for sin. This satisfaction makes possible the exercise of God's grace. Grace thus rules out all human merit. It requires only faith in the Savior. Any intermixture of human merit violates grace. God's grace thus provides not only salvation but safety and preservation for the one saved, despite his imperfections. Grace perfects forever the saved one in the sight of God because of the saved one's position "in Christ." Grace bestows Christ's merit and Christ's standing forever (Ro 5:1-2; 8:1; Col 2:9-10); "for in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete." Grace thus obviates any obligation to gain merit, and the law as a merit system is no longer applicable to a believer, since he is no longer "under law, but under grace" (Ro 6:14). The problem of a holy life is met in the gospel of grace by the fact that the saved one has an entirely new position in grace instead of in Adam (Ro 5:12- 20). And being baptized "into Christ"(Ro6:1-11), he is "dead to sin, but alive to God." Knowledge of and faith in this glorious in-Christ position (Ro 6:11) is the key that makes it actual in the believer's everyday experience. Rewards for faithfulness and practical holiness of life are to be dispensed, but this is a truth not to be confused with an unforfeitable and unmerited salvation.

Grace, Mercy and Peace. In the order of the manifestation of God's purposes of salvation, grace must go before mercy...only the forgiven may be blessed.

The whole Christian life owes all it enjoys, possesses and hopes to the marvelous, sufficient grace of God.

A) How encompassing is the Grace of God to us?

1) Grace in the past

It was grace that took us from a life of sin and eternal death to a life in Christ through our salvation.

Eph 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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Rom 3:24

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

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2) Grace in the present

It is the grace of God that keeps us through each day.

1 Cor 15:10

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

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Rom 12:3

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

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2 Peter 3:18

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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3) Grace in the future

1 Peter 1:13

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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"...the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ..."

a) This grace is being "brought" to us. It is on its way to us. It is like saying,

Rom 13:11

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

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It is like the coming travel of light from the stars...

b) It is wrapped or culminating at the coming of Christ. Its perfection or completeness we will realize at the coming of Christ.

c) To this perfection we are admonished by God's Word to hope to the end, more hope perfectly.

- Gird up the loins of your mind. A discipline of mind is what we need. A transformation, a renewing of mind and then a discipline. Pull one's self together. Tighten belts,

[Heb 12:1] Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

- Be sober. Keep a tight on all desires, tastes, passions, appetites. Our hope is regulated by our desires.
- Hope to the end. Look forward to a complete working of God's purpose for you. This is not just an admonition to persist, but to complete; not just duration but degree. Such strength of hope will not come of itself, but it needs effort, discipline, stimulation and restraint. Not to hope is not to believe and it is our duty to hope perfectly.

B) How abundant or rich is the grace of God for us?

- Riches of Grace. This a wealth that has no limit

Eph 1:7-8

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

- Abounding grace

Rom 5:15

15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. 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, hath abounded unto many.

- Exceeding grace

2 Cor 9:14

14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

Eph 2:7

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

- Manifold grace

1 Pet 4:10

10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

- Unsearchable riches

Eph 3:8

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

C) What does the grace of God bring to us?

1) It brings salvation

Titus 2:11

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
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“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation...”

Grace is the outward expression of love to those who are utterly undeserving of it. It is every for nothing when we don't deserve anything.

John 1:14-17

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Rom 11:6

6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Eph 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

2 Cor 8:9

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

It is therefore entirely and absolutely apart from any human merit. It brings salvation from

a) The consequence of sin, i.e., eternal death

Rom 8:1

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

John 5:24

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Heb 9:27-28

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

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b) The control of sin

Rom 6:11-14

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

c) The committal of sin at His coming

There are chiefly two ways grace is used in the Bible - saving grace and serving grace. Saving grace is the free, unmerited favor of God. Biblical grace means the unmerited eternal salvation of God which comes freely to the believing sinner through the atonement of Jesus Christ. It is receiving the opposite of what we deserve. It is the free forgiveness of sin and the offer of free imputed righteousness of Christ. Salvation by grace means salvation is not attained or maintained by human works.

Serving grace is the enablement God gives to every Christian to make them able to serve Him.

Rom 12:3-8

- 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
- 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
- 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
- 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;
- 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

2 Cor 9:8

- 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Eph 4:7

- 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Heb 12:28

- 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

God gives the Christian everything he needs to live a good life and to fulfill God's will. A person cannot receive serving grace until he receives saving grace. And God offers to believers serving grace for everything in the Christian life. Saving grace comes through the blood of Christ and received by trusting that blood. Serving grace comes through the power of the Holy Spirit and received by prayer and by walking in obedience to the Spirit.

Eph 3:7

- 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Gal 5:16

- 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

The effects of this grace to us.

2) It brings instruction, knowledge

Titus 2:12

- 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
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“Teaching us...”

The grace of God teaches. It gives instructions to the believer. It does not leave man to himself. It enfolds him, takes hold of him and instructs him in his ways. Had it not been for the grace of God, we would not have been willing to be taught. It gives us knowledge.

1 Cor 2:13-14

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Col 1:28

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Ps 25:9

9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

John 14:26

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Matt 28:20

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

1 Thess 4:9

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

I Jn 5:13

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

3) It brings negation

Titus 2:12

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

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“...denying ungodliness and worldly lusts...” (v. 12)

The grace of God bring denials of ungodliness and worldly lusts. The subjects of the grace of God deny ungodliness and worldly lusts!

I Jn 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Rom 6:4-7

- 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
- 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
- 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. Rom 6:11-18
- 8 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 9 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
- 10 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
- 11 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
- 12 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
- 13 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
- 14 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
- 15 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

2 Tim 2:22

- 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

4) It brings out peculiar characteristics

Titus 2:12

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we **should live soberly, righteously, and godly**, in this present world;

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“...live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world...”

Titus 2:14

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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1 Peter 2:9

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

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Col 1:5-6

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

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a) Self-ward. "Soberly"

To live sober means

- Temperate in all things.
- Marked by seriousness, gravity or solemnity of conduct or character
- Not excessive
- Marked by circumspection and self-restraint
- 4996 *sophronos* (so-fron'-oce); adverb from 4998; with sound mind, i.e. moderately:

1 Thess 5:6-8

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

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Titus 2:2-6

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

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1 Peter 1:13

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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1 Peter 4:7

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

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1 Peter 5:8

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

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Gal 5:23

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

1 Cor 9:25

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

b) World-ward. "Righteously"

To live Righteously means

- to be morally upright; without guilt or sin
- to be virtuous
- 1346 dikaios (dik-ah'-yoce); adverb from 1342; equitably: KJV-- justly, (to) righteously (-ness).

1 John 2:29

29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

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1 John 3:7

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

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Matt 7:16-18

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

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c) God-ward. "Godly"

To live "godly" means to be given to God

- 2153 eusebos (yoo-seb-oc'e'); adverb from 2152; piously: KJV-- godly.
- To exhibit the sense of God in his life

1 Tim 4:7

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

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2 Peter 1:5-8

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Heb 5:14

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
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2 Tim 3:12
12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
KJV

All of the above is to be lived in this present world.

5) It brings antication

Titus 2:13
13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
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The grace of God puts the prospect of heaven in the believer. It cannot be that you experienced the grace of God and you would not look forward to heaven.

1Thes 4:13-17

- 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Phil 3:20-21

- 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
- 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

2 Tim 4:8

- 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Peter 3:12-14

- 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?
- 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
- 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.