

REVELATION OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE!

God normally does not look for the great to do His work. He looks for the humble and the willing. Foundational Scriptures are,

God opposes the proud, but gives GRACE to the humble.

(James 4:6)

For it is by GRACE you have been saved, through FAITH - and this not from yourself, it is the (free) gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast (brag). For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

Grace is God's free and undeserved gift. All God has created you to be and accomplish (including your salvation) He desires you to be and do by depending on His grace and not on your own works or natural ability.

Grace is God empowering within us to do His will and plans for our lives. When a task seems to stand in our way like a mountain, His grace through faith is sufficient to keep us moving to accomplish God's perfect plan to remove the mountain. Trusting in God's grace keeps the mountains from moving us. One of the greatest revelations you can receive is how grace becomes an important part of your life as explained in various Scriptures such as,

In Him (Jesus) was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. . . . And of his fullness we (believers) had all received grace for grace. For the LAW was given through Moses, but GRACE and TRUTH came through Jesus Christ.

(John 1:4-5, 16-17)

LAW was given through Moses, but GRACE came by receiving Jesus, the Son of God, as our Savior and confessing Him as our Lord. The law in itself has no power for those who look to the law to save them because of the strength of sin within them. Here is how it is done under GRACE . . .

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children?

(Hebrews 12:1-5)

Some weights that slow us down may not necessarily be sin. To live a life of God's strength and power you will have to by God's grace lay aside the weights and sins that so easily get you out of your lane on the track of life. Let us run with joy with our heads held high, shoulders back, and with a bounce in our steps. Run! That means to move with the Holy Spirit's guidance! If you don't keep moving, the devil will grow his choking weeds all around you to seek to kill your fruit. Grace through faith is going somewhere, reaching for something, doing something.

Put a circle around the word *patience* in your Bible. There are so many quitters. Life is called a race set before us. Until we get to the finish line, and hear God say, "Well done," we are not to look back. Only by grace through faith can you run it well. Once we are truly born again, no matter what we have done in the past, all our failures and past sins are removed as far as the east is from the west (see Psalm 103:12).

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

If you don't look through the eyes of grace through faith to Jesus, your Savior and Lord, and improperly start looking at the other runners you will at times fall flat. Keep looking straight into the eyes of Jesus. Why? Because Jesus is . . .

THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

Keep looking into the eyes of Jesus, because He is the beginner and finisher of our faith in this age of grace. Jesus started it and we trust Him to finish it. If you put your faith in a man, or in any situation on earth, you may be in for a fall. Jesus looked to His Heavenly Father through the agony of shedding His life's blood on the cross to the joy of His resurrection from the dead.

Many whom God was going to use just failed to keep running the race set out before them. They failed to continue to look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of their faith, and they didn't see the joy of what was on the other side in relationship to what was happening then. It was written of Jesus that He was . . .

DESPISING THE SHAME

People spat on Jesus and mocked Him. This shame meant nothing to Jesus. Don't let people shame you or put you under condemnation. Just smile and quote back to them this precious promise,

There is now no condemnation for those (born again adopted children) in Christ Jesus

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

Consider yourself raised up with Jesus until you will have to look down smiling to see someone seeking to put you under condemnation. Whatever they do will be like ignoring a little yapping Chihuahua. Remember the spitting and mocking did not rob Jesus of the joy set before

Him. On the cross Jesus crushed the head of the devil. Jesus is King of kings and Lord of Lords forever and ever. Faith goes right through the derisions of others as we sit down with Jesus at the right hand of the throne of God. For it is written ...

**CONSIDER HIM THAT ENDURED SUCH HOSTILITY
FROM SINNERS AGAINST HIMSELF**

The Bible commands us to consider Jesus who endured the hostility of sinners . . .

**LEST YOU BECOME WEARY AND DISCOURAGED IN
YOUR SOULS (MIND AND EMOTIONS)**

Don't listen or respond to the hostility of sinners. Stop being around the wrong people. They are not speaking faith. They are not speaking the Word of God. They have not crucified the flesh with Jesus as it is written . . .

**YOU HAVE NOT YET RESISTED TO
BLOODSHED, STRIVING AGAINST SINS**

Don't be pitying yourself. Some people run away, get depressed, and cry when someone just looks at them the wrong way. That doesn't hurt them that hurts you. Smile back in love enjoying being a part of the family of God . . .

**NOT FORGETTING THE EXHORTATION
WHICH SPEAKS TO YOU AS CHILDREN**

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, repented of your sins, and confessed "Jesus is my Lord" you are adopted into the family of God. Yes, your Father God will deal with you as His children. This is the reason we are under GRACE, which means we will need correction every now and then. Thank God for His discipline when we need it. This proves that we have a Father who loves us. Running on God's grace track as His adopted children gives us the greatest adventure possible as we are part of God's family. See yourself as a child under His grace as it is written,

Having been justified (just as we family members have never sinned - remember 1 John 1:9)) by faith, we have PEACE with God (our Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have this GRACE in which we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

(Romans 5:1-2)

Be a true child of God by walking in and enjoying God's grace working in you to accomplish His good pleasures. Faith in God's grace in you can remove mountains. Be quick to confess any known sin or mistakes, forgive others and yourself, and walk in love.

The Apostle Paul testified . . .

But by the GRACE of God I am what I am, and His GRACE toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the GRACE which was with me.

(1 Corinthians 15:10)

May the grace and peace of God grow and grow and be multiplied even more in yours hearts.

May GRACE (God's favor) and PEACE, (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in (the full, personal, precise and correct) knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

(2 Peter 1:2 Amplified)

But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Messiah. To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen -- so be it!

(2 Peter 3:18 Amplified)

A blind, happy, and joyful Fanny Crosby expressed it best
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Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb! Redeemed thro' His infinite mercy, His child, and forever, I am.

Join your faith with mine as we pray,

Father, In Heaven,

Thank You that I am redeemed by the blood of Your Son. Not by works that I should boast, but by your free gift of Your grace. I ask You now, to fill me with overflowing grace and joy. My joy cup is overflowing and is spilling over to others because I am in Christ and He is in me. Jesus is my Lord over every area of my life. I give Him all the glory and praise.

I pray this to You with thanksgiving in the wonderful name of Your Son, Jesus!

Amen!