

The Gospel of God's Grace

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The whole counsel of God is the Grace needed for mankind as we proclaim the Kingdom which has come to earth.



Acts 20:22–27 ESV

²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

God's Grace in Human Weaknesses

2 Corinthians 12:8–9 ESV

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⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

1 Peter 5:10 ESV

¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1 Corinthians 2:1–5 ESV

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Christian Experience may be Summed Up in Terms of Grace

1 Corinthians 15:10 ESV

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Acts 18:27 ESV

²⁷ And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed,

Romans 5:2 ESV

² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Galatians 1:15 ESV

¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace,

Philippians 1:7 ESV

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

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We Must Co-operate with Grace

2 Corinthians 6:1 ESV

¹ Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

Philippians 2:12–13 ESV

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hebrews 12:15 ESV

¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

1 Peter 5:5 ESV

⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

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God's Call and Plan of Salvation

Hear

Romans 10:17 *ESV*

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Believe

Hebrews 11:6 *ESV*

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Repent

Acts 17:30 *ESV*

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

Confess

Matthew 10:32–33 *ESV*

³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Be Baptized

1 Peter 3:21 *ESV*

²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Remain Faithful

1 Corinthians 10:12 *ESV*

¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.