

“THE DIVINE MAGNITUDE OF GOD'S GRACE”
EPHESIANS 1:3-7; 2:1-10

INTRO: The MORE we study the GRACE OF GOD, the MORE we realize that we need to study the GRACE OF GOD MORE! That is quite a loaded statement but it is TRUE because of the MAGNITUDE of God's Grace which will take us an ETERNITY to learn. GOD'S GRACE TOUCHES EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIFE! Therefore its MAGNITUDE is far beyond our ability to comprehend. But we need to understand that **without the Grace of God WE WOULD HAVE NOTHING, WE WOULD BE NOTHING AND WE WOULD KNOW NOTHING OF THE GREATNESS OF GOD!**

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I. GOD'S GRACE IS GLORIOUS – EPHESIANS 1:6

THIS SHOWS THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S GRACE

A. God's Grace Makes Mankind Perfectly Holy – THUS GLORIOUS!

1. Mankind is SINFUL by Nature – Psalm 51:5
2. Mankind is UNHOLY due to Sin and thus Separated from God.
3. Mankind is TRANSFORMED from being Sinful to being “MADE HOLY” by GOD'S GRACE. **Such Holiness is totally UNDESERVED.**

B. God's Grace is Powerful and Boundless – THUS GLORIOUS!

1. The Grace of God can SAVE Any Sinner – Ephesians 2:5
2. The Grace of God can OVERCOME Any Sin – Romans 5:20
3. The Grace of God can PREVENT Any Sin – Romans 6:14

C. God's Grace is Transforming MAKING sinners Accepted by God in Jesus Christ – THUS GLORIOUS!

1. God the Father loves His Son Jesus Christ – “The Beloved.”
2. All Born-again Believers are “IN” God's Son – Christ.
3. Thus all True Believers are the Object of God's Great Love and are therefore welcomed into God's Family

without any “strings attached.”

D. God's Grace is to be PRAISED – THUS GLORIOUS!

-Our salvation is TOTALLY by God's Grace and thus True Believers should NATURALLY Praise God for His Grace – Vs. 3 (“Blessed”).

ILLUSTRATION:

II. GOD'S GRACE IS RICH – EPHESIANS 1:7; 2:7

THIS SHOWS THE VALUE OF GOD'S GRACE

- Valuable from God's perspective because of what it cost – **The Blood of Jesus Christ.**
- Valuable from Our perspective because of what it offers – **The Complete Provision of all of our Needs.**

TWO SIGNIFICANT EXPRESSIONS ABOUT GOD'S GRACE

1) **“ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE”** 1:7 – *To the extent that AS God's Grace is so RICH, SO IS the EFFECT of God's Grace upon mankind so RICH.*

2) **“EXCEEDING RICHES OF HIS GRACE”** 2:7 – *To ABOUND beyond measure*

NOTE: Ephesians 1:7 and 2:7 show what the RICHES of God's Grace are.

- Ephesians 1:7 – Complete Redemption and Complete Forgiveness

IF GRACE IS NOT COMPLETE THEN GRACE IS NOT GRACE AT ALL

- Ephesians 2:7 – Inexpressible Kindness of God through Christ

BY HIS ABOUNDING GRACE GOD LITERALLY THRUST HIS KINDNESS TOWARD MANKIND BY PUTTING CHRIST ON THE CROSS.

THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE INCLUDES:

- A. The Finished Work of Christ – Hebrews - 10:10-14
- B. The Convicting Work of the Holy Spirit – John 16:7-11
- C. The Saving Work of God – Titus 3:7
- D. The Keeping Work of God – John 10:27-30
- E. The Delivering Work of God – Galatians 5:16

ILLUSTRATION:

III. GOD'S GRACE IS SALVATION – EPHESIANS 2:8,9

THIS SHOWS THE NECESSITY OF GOD'S GRACE

- A. God's Grace Brings Salvation – Vs. 8a
- B. God's Grace Brings Faith – Vs. 8b
- C. God's Grace Brings the Gift of Gifts – Vs, 8c

WITHOUT THE GRACE OF GOD EVERY AND ANY ASPECT OF SALVATION WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE!

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT GOD'S GRACE IN SALVATION

- By His Grace God Deals with us NOT on the basis of our merit or worthiness or what we deserve, BUT according to our need.
- By His Grace God responds to us on the basis of His goodness and generosity.
- By His Grace God Supplies us with an Innumerable Amount Undeserved Favor every Day of our Life.
- By His Grace God makes it possible for ALL people to be saved, if they will.
- By His Grace God takes the initiative to bring Everyone to Repentance and Salvation.

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON/CONCLUSION:

God's Grace is really far beyond our ability to totally comprehend. It is also invaluable to the entire human race. So how should we respond to such a valuable Divine entity?

- 1) Thank God for His Grace.
- 2) Proclaim God's Grace.
- 3) Apply God's Grace