

Living Grace

Isaiah 30:18-19

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Welcome back and here we go!

Tonight, is our third installment of our series on *Grace*. Hopefully, tonight's service will give you more hope and greater clarity as to all God has provided in terms of *Living Grace* --- or what is also know as the *Much More of God!*

1) Grace is a _____!

Quick Recap:

Common Grace **Matthew 5:43-45**

Common Grace is available to every person. In terms of *grace gifts*: air, water, rain, breath, life!

In terms of personal application for us, we are kind and forgiving to those who love us and to those who hate us. We all have real or imagined enemies.

Saving Grace **Ephesians 2:8-9**

Saving Grace is the *grace* applied to the unbeliever who makes the decision to believe on and accept as their savior, Jesus Christ. Once this takes place, we receive a great number of blessings that are permanent and irreversible. All of these are points that show salvation is eternal, not temporal.

Romans 11:29 *'For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.'*

2) In order to _____ salvation, these blessings would have to be _____.

Living Grace **Romans 5:6-11 and 17**

'For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.'

Living Grace is all that God provides for the Believer once they become saved. It is also called the *Much More of God!*

Think of it --- when we were in our grime --- when we had no knowledge --- or just didn't care about God, He sent His son to die for each of us personally. If this is the case, now that you have become His child, how *much more* will He do for you?

Think of your child --- if you have any --- if they are in your living room with other children and you have the opportunity to gift them with four years of college tuition --- will you give it to a neighbor's child or your own?

What would you not do for your loved ones!

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Every Christian has experienced grace at least once in his lifetime. He has “tasted grace.” **1 Pet. 2:2,3**. The believer is said to be a child of God, no longer an enemy. Christ did the most for His enemies by bearing our sins when He died on the cross. Since he did the most for us when we were His enemies, how much will He do for us now that we are His own children. The answer “much more than the most”. Grace is the concept of a life in which God gives us the most then gives us much more than the most.

3) God gives us _____ than the _____.

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Once having tasted grace, the believer can go on to have all of the grace he wants. To obtain all the blessings that God provides, a Christian must exercise his free will by choosing the things of God. The most important thing is the believer’s attitude toward the Word of God. The Lord provides believers with the capacity to grow and be effective so that they can glorify God in this lifetime. In fact, the Christian is *commanded* to grow in grace, **2 Pet. 3:18**.

4) You must _____ the things of God.

“Michigan Story”

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Very little knowledge is required to accept Christ as Savior. But extensive knowledge is required during the believer’s remaining lifetime in order to profit from grace. Every facet of a Christian’s life requires an applied understanding of the Word and orientation to the grace of God.

5) We have never _____!

We must continue to learn and grow --- God’s love is real and complete.

Isaiah 30:18-19 ***‘Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore, He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.’***

6) To wait means to _____!

You cannot benefit from the blessings of *living grace* if you do not choose them.

If you choose the world ----- of the world you will receive.

Alma Lynn and I experience *living grace* continuously. We have chosen God’s way and His people. We volunteer around 60 hours each week here between us, and our lives are amazing.

We experience peace, joy, hope, and laughter continuously.

We have challenges and hurts as well. But even in those, we have confidence in God’s plan for our lives. We are living the dream and we see God’s approval over our ministry, marriage, friendships, and home.

I would encourage you today --- to ask for a copy of the *Grace Notes*, come to our studies and grow in grace.

Next week - EASTER SERVICE!

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