



“GRACE IN HIS EYES”

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Proverbs 1:9 KJV “They shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.”

The grace of God is a true treasure! When we receive it, we get a portion of the Lord’s Attributes of goodness and kindness! He enables us to have a right spirit within and the ability to show mercy and grace to all, even to those who we feel do not deserve it!

Grace is also a divine gift that grants us the ability to receive godly instruction and wisdom! Both of these are like precious ornaments or jewels upon our heads and around our necks! Proverbs teaches us the practical aspects of grace! What a wonderful thought comes to my mind! We can wear grace like jewels that can be seen and enjoyed by others as well as ourselves!

Grace gives us a life truly worth living! As we speak words of grace to others, it encourages their soul. We glorify God when we use edifying speech. Our lips are to be used to bless God as well as others we meet. Jesus spoke with grace to the multitudes, although some would not receive His words, He continued to do so! Do we guard our mouth or just let words flow without thinking!

Luke 4:22 KJV “And all bare Him witness, and wondered at His gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth.”

Eph. 4:29 KJV “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

Psalm 45:2 LB “You are the fairest of all; your words are filled with grace; God Himself is blessing you forever.”

We are to abound with grace, and as we do, we will be involved with good work in every area of our life. God will grant us the power to accomplish His Will. When we humble ourselves before the LORD, He will give us even more grace! Sometimes we are humbled, not by choice, but by God Himself! It can appear that everyone, including God is against us! How deceptive appearances can be at times!

It may seem to us at times, that His grace is suspended somewhere out there in the darkness! In reality, His grace remains with us, even in the darkest hours of our lives! Remember, Jesus truly does know how we feel during those dark times! We must never forget the Cross and how darkness covered the land. How that darkness must have frightened everyone who experienced it! Although it appeared that the Father had abandoned Jesus in His hour of greatest need, God was busy fulfilling His perfect plans! Can we trust Him in our darkness? Of course! He is always with us!

Heb 13:5 b-6 LB “Be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never, never fail you nor forsake you.” That is why we can say without any doubt or fear, “The LORD is my Helper and I will not be afraid of anything that mere man can do to me.”

The Lord is gracious and compassionate. His grace reigns with righteousness and provides Eternal Life for all who belong to Him! What amazing grace!

“By His grace we walk each day
And do His will with our words and way.
How blessed we are even in our darkest hour
For His grace will always help us by His loving power!
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“A JOYFUL CHILD”
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Neh. 8:10b “The joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Most parents desire that their children are well adjusted, happy with their daily life as a whole. Should we even once *consider* that God our Father would want anything less for His own children? Hasn't He promised help and provisions for all our needs? When our hearts are filled with thankfulness for His blessings, we have a peace and joy that gives us grace and strength to face whatever hardships or trials that come our way. Are we satisfied with His involvement in our own daily walk with Him?

Luke 11:11-13 RS “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

Just exactly *what is it* that blocks or hinders us from enjoying our Christian walk? Why do so many Believers faces look as haggard as those who do not know the LORD? Our bodies lose energy and our voices lose that *zeal that appeals* and attracts others to want to know more about Christ in our lives! Just *what* have we allowed into our lives that *clouds and crowds out the peace* that makes us different from unbelievers? Have we filled our minds with burdens or things that *must be done right now*, and neglected our time for spiritual renewal and let it fall by the wayside?

Joy brings spiritual strength! This is a fact we *must not ignore!* Even our experiences of pain and sorrows are to enlarge our capacity for His joy! Knowing others are praying for us and that we pray for them during our own hard times will encourage us. Their testimony of faith during trials helps us to keep true to the Lord also! When we release our burdens unto Him, His joy will flow freely through our soul once again! The LORD warns us in His Word that we will face many trials and tests in life, *so why are we so surprised when they come?*

1 Thess.3:7-9 LB “So we are greatly comforted, dear brothers, in all our crushing troubles and suffering here, now that we know you are standing true to the Lord. We can bear anything as long as we know that you remain strong in Him. How can we thank God enough for you and the joy and delight you have given us in our praying for you?”

Why do we drag through a week without joy and the evidence of the abundant life the Lord has promised to us? LORD! *Take us back to our first love!* What joy we had that first day as we felt His cleansing power surge through our spirit! At the God’s altar, we find the joy we need and are searching for!

Psalm 43:4-5 LB “There I will go to the altar of God, my exceeding joy, and praise Him with my harp. O God-my God! O my soul, why be so gloomy and discouraged? Trust in God! I shall again praise him for His wonderful help; He will make me smile again!”

Eph.1:11-12 LB “Moreover, because of what Christ has done we have *become gifts* to God that He delights in, for as part of God’s sovereign plan we were chosen from the beginning to be His, and all things happen just as He decided long ago. God’s purpose in this was that we should praise God and give glory to Him for all these mighty things for us, who were the first to trust in Christ.”

These verses make it quite clear that as His children, we are to have a joyful heart! If we do not, we should ask ourselves why not? The above scripture amazes me that God considers us to be *Gifts to Him from Christ!* Should that fact not fill us with true joy? Do we believe He is still with us when we cannot sense His Presence? As His Child, we are a part of the Body of Christ, whom the Father loves! We can trust His Holy Spirit to fill us with His power, love and joy! He is the One who enables us to walk in righteous conduct in spite of all we face in life! The reflection of His Joy within us will encourage others!

Let the joy of the LORD be your daily strength!

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“WHO IS THAT??”
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Heb. 4:13 “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest [obvious] in His sight: but *ALL* things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”

Look at that costume!!! The way it is fashioned, you can’t tell *who* is under it! Check out that mask!! It absolutely conceals everything. You can’t see hair, neck, or facial features~ barely see the eyes, why it alters even their voice!!

October is the month of deception!! As you are reading this, you’re probably having thoughts like this about the politicians you’ve been inundated with. Who are they really? What are their real thoughts about America? What of her Christian Heritage? What does their “track record” really reveal about their character? Do their actions, past or present match their words? Are they simply speaking what the majority wants to hear to gain the White House?

Yes! All these thoughts and many more are in our minds right now!

The thinking people of America know there is a vast difference in “what is correct in God’s sight” and what is “politically correct.” In fact, being a Christian IN VALUES and every day living will cause you to be politically incorrect! *So who are you?*

Do you put on your “Sunday go to meeting” clothes, face and mask when you need to? Are they for Sunday morning church friends and places where you need to appear as a Christian and gain the support of that group? Or, are you a real at heart and mind, “born again” Believer? Is there evidence, a track record to prove it? Do your responses to the world’s activities and values affirm your faith?

October seems like a good month for each of us to re-evaluate our true self, look at ourselves as God does. Look at the Word and see ourselves in its light. God knows our heart. The question is, do we?

Jer.17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?”

Armed with that scripture verse, we need to look at several more, and see what God’s Word has to say about our “flesh” nature!

Psalm 52:4 “Thou lovest all devouring [destructive] words, and the deceitful tongue.”

Because of our delight in destructive behavior or words gossip furnishes, the Evening News is 95% negative, violence and fearful. “Good stuff” doesn’t make news!

Many times Paul reminds to stay close to Jesus and His Words, because of false teachers, leaders and their clever words. Read the words he sent to the Corinthian church in his second letter to them.

2 Cor.11:3 “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled [deceived] Eve though his subtilty [cleverness] so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity [simple truth] that is in Christ.”

Almost monthly I remind you, we are in the “End Times”. Our churches are rich, have much “goods”, but are poor, blind, and naked. [Rev.3:17] Pastors are not preaching the Full Gospel- sin, and a need for salvation, true repentance that causes a man to turn from the world’s sin and live in a holiness manner, as unto the Lord. A HELL as well as a Heaven!

We hear much about a God of love, but little about the day when God will Judge- a judgment that will result in Heaven OR Hell, and for ETERNITY! Paul reminds us of that day in 2 Thess.2:3 “Let no man DECEIVE you by any means: for that day shall NOT come, except there come a FALLING AWAY first, [a falling away from the simplicity of Christ] and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.”

In Matt.24:24 Jesus spoke of these “end times” and said: “For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs, and wonders; in so much that, if it were possible, they shall DECEIVE the very elect.”

In Mark the disciples were pressuring the Lord for the signs of the times of the end. “Please tell us when, and how, and all about it”- was their cry! It is interesting He begins with these words: “TAKE HEED lest any man DECEIVE you.” Mark 13:5

So what about us- you and me? Where do I stand? Where do you stand? Paul tells us exactly how to evaluate our self. Read Ephesians chapters 4 though 6. Let me highlight some of it for us:

Eph.4:22 Start by putting away the former manner of life that was lived when we were sinners. It is corrupt because of deceitful lusts. Now that you are saved be renewed in your mind by the Holy Spirit. [All of our living begins in the mind- you decide something before you act] Put on the NEW MAN, one created by God in righteousness, and true holiness. [Holiness of truth, the Word]

PUT AWAY lying, anger, stealing, corrupt communications [corrupting talk] bitterness, clamor, malice, and evil speaking. Notice how many in this list involves our tongue! Paul certainly understood the “Old Man” and his sinful ways. He goes on in chapter 5 to remind us fornication [pre-martial sex] all uncleanness, or covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, and idolaters ARE NOT PART of the Kingdom of God, and don’t let a man deceive you with vain [empty] words about this, for they lead to God’s wrath. The children of God are not to be partakers with them. 5:7

So beloved, what’s under your mask? How are your garments? Is your heart the NEW, PURE, bought by His Blood one He desires for each of us?

**In closing may I remind each of us of what John saw in Revelation 4:6
Before the throne of God, there was a sea of glass, like crystal- that is where each of us will stand before Him and He will look right through us. Like the text read: all things are naked and open unto Him. Nothing will be hidden, no time for deceit!!**

Enjoy your walk with Him and remember “The upright shall dwell in thy presence.”

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