

**Message 1: God's Grace For The Believer—1 The Profile Of Grace**

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Launching Text: Psalms 84:11 For the Lord is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

2-Cor 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your (or our) sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty (WE) might be rich (with the blessings of God).

Preaching Text: Ps 36:8-9 (Because of God's grace,) They (the redeemed of the Lord) shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness (which is the abundant treasures) of thy house: and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light we shall see light.

**1. THE PLEASURE OF GOD'S GRACE FOR VINDICATION (justification—just as if we never sinned)**

Eph 2:8 For by grace are you saved through faith; it is the gift of God.

Hebrews 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Hebrew 7:25 Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by Him (Jesus), seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them.

**1. God's Grace Allows The Pleasure For The Believer To Be Redeemed From The Curse**

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law being made a curse for us; for it is written; cursed in everyone that hangs on a tree.

1-John 1:9 If we confess our sins He is faithful & just to forgive us our sins & to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

**2. God's Grace Allows The Pleasure For The Believer To Be Released From Condemnation**

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Ps 3:5 I laid me down & slept: I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

Ps 103:11-12 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardons iniquity, and passes by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retains not His anger for ever, because He delights in mercy. He will turn again, He will have compassion on us; He will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. (And as one old preacher says---He put up a no fishing sign)

**3. God's Grace Allows The Pleasure For The Believer To Be Raised Up In Righteousness**

2-Corinthians 6:21 For He hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Ephesians 2:6 And (He, Jesus) hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in C. J.

**4. God's Grace Allows The Pleasure For The Believer To Be Rewarded For Faithfulness**

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised.

Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings.

Rev 2:10 Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life.

Job 36:11 If they (you) obey and serve Him (the Lord), they (you) shall spend their (your) years in prosperity and Their (Your) years in pleasures.

**2. THE PLEASURE OF GOD'S GRACE FOR VISITATION (to habitation)**

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace (and stay in God's presence) that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need.

John 14:23 If a man loves me (Jesus), he will keep my Words & my Father will love him & we will come and make our abode with him. **NOTE: LIFE WILL NEVER BE WORTH LIVING WITHOUT THE LORD!**

**1. God's Grace Brings The Pleasure Of Fellowship**

Rev 3:20 Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man will hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup (fellowship) with him and he with me.

**2. God's Grace Brings The Pleasure Of Feeding**

Ezekiel 34:13-15 And I (the Lord) will bring them out...I will feed them in a good pasture...I will feed my flock and cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

**3. God's Grace Brings The Pleasure Of Freeing**

Psalms 50:15 Call upon me (the Lord) in the day of trouble; I will deliver; and thou shalt glorify me (the Lord)

**4. God's Grace Brings The Pleasure Of Freezing**

Psalms 48:10 Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalms 27:14 Wait on the Lord; be of good courage; He shall strengthen thine heart; Wait I say on the Lord.

**5. God's Grace Brings The Pleasure Of Furnishing**

Luke 10:19 Behold I give you power to tread on the serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall be any means hurt (or destroy) you.

**6. God's Grace Brings The Un-pleasurable Pleasure Of Flagellation (to punish out of love)**

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loves, He chaseth.

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

**3. THE PLEASURE OF GOD'S GRACE FOR VISION** (See it in the Spirit and Seize it in the natural)

Acts 11:33 (The church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas on a missionary journey to go as far as Antioch) When he came and had seen the grace of God, (he) was glad, and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keeps the law, happy is he.

**1. God's Grace Gives The Pleasure Of The Vision of Hope**

Psalms 42:11 Why art thou cast down O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God; for I will yet praise Him who is the health of my countenance and my God.

Psalms 39:7 And now Lord, What wait I for? My hope is in thee.

**2. God's Grace Gives The Pleasure Of The Vision of Help**

Psalms 121:1-2 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help; my help cometh from God.

Psalms 54:4 Behold the Lord is my helper & the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in the time of trouble.

**3. God's Grace Gives The Pleasure Of The Vision of Happiness**

Psalms 128:1-2 Blessed is everyone that fears the Lord, that walks in His ways; for thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands; Happy thou shall be and it shall be well with thee.

**4. God's Grace Gives The Pleasure Of The Vision of Having**

2-Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that you always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work. (In the verses that follow:

He gives seed to sower, bread to the eater, multiplies seed sown, and enriches to all bountifulness.)

**4. THE PLEASURE OF GOD'S GRACE FOR VICTORY**

Acts 14:3 (A) long time therefore abode they (Paul & Barabas at Iconium because of the stirring up of the Gentiles by the Jews in an attempt to stop their believing of the gospel but Paul & Barnabas continued) speaking boldly in the Lord which gave testimony of the Word of His grace and granted signs & wonders to be done by their hands.

2-Peter 1:3 According as His divine power hath given us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue (moral excellence).

1-Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God which gives us the victory (because of grace) through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1. God's Grace Provides The Pleasure Of Victory Over satan**

1-John 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sins not (does not habitually practice sin), but he that is begotten of God keeps himself and that wicked one (the devil) touches him not..

**2. God's Grace Provides The Pleasure Of Victory Over Sin**

Rom 6:12 Let not sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey the lust thereof.

**3. God's Grace Provides The Pleasure Of Victory Over Self**

Luke 9:23 And He(Jesus) said to them all, If any man come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.

**4. God's Grace Provides The Pleasure Of Victory Over Sorrow**

John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless (or helpless); I will come unto you

Psalms 30:5 Keeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

**5. God's Grace Provides The Pleasure Of Victory Over Suffering**

1-Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace who hath called you unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle you.

**6. God's Grace Provides The Pleasure Of Victory Over Shortage**

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalms 84:11...no good thing will He (God) withhold from them who walk uprightly.

**7. God's Grace Provides The Pleasure Of Victory Over All Other Situations**

2-Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be to God which always causes us to triumph in Christ and maketh manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place.

**Closing:** Because of the pleasures of God's grace in the life of the redeemed, the believers, God calls us more than conquerors.

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things (everything that comes our way) we are more than conquerors thru Him that loved us.

The question is---Are you experiencing the pleasures of God's grace in our lives? If not, why not?