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Launching Text: 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).

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 shall make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light we shall see light.

Preaching 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.

Intro: In this series we have looked at the Profile of Grace, the Provision of Grace, the Pleasures of Grace and in this message we will look at the Proficiency of Grace. The Profile Of Grace taught us that Grace is God's ability to get to us what we can't get on our own and the Provision of Grace is to ensure that every need is provided in the believer's life, and the Pleasures of Grace is so the believer can enjoy life, then, what causes GRACE to become Proficient in the life of the believer? This is what we will examine in this message.

1. GOD'S GRACE IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE OF ITS PRODUCT.

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.

1. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS AN ABOUNDING GRACE.

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

2-Cor 8:9 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that you always having all sufficiency in all things may abound unto every good work.

2. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS AN APPEARING GRACE.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men.

3. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS A TEACHING GRACE.

Titus 2:11-13 For the grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world: Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

4. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS A SAVING GRACE

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast.

5. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS A JUSTIFYING GRACE.

Rom 3:24-26 Being justified freely by His grace through redemption that is in Christ Jesus; Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God: To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Titus 3:7 That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

6. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS A SUFFICIENT GRACE

2-Cor 12:9-10 (The apostle Paul was being attacked through the messenger of Satan. Paul said 3 times I prayed that it might depart from me,) And He (the Lord) said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my (or our) strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in any infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

7. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS A CONSOLING GRACE.

2-Thes 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which has loved us, and given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace.

8. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS AN OBTAINABLE GRACE.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore (because we have a Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus) come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need.

9. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS AN ESTABLISHING GRACE.

Hebrews 13:9 Be not carried about with divers (many) and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace, not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

10. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS A SERVING GRACE.

Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which can not be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear.

11. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS A MULTIPLYING GRACE.

2-Peter 1:2 Grace & peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God & of Jesus our Lord.

12. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE IT IS A BUILDING UP & A GIVING GRACE

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up And to give to you an inheritance among them which are sanctified.

2. GOD'S GRACE IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE OF ITS PROCUREMENT

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 who walk uprightly.

1. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION FOR THE PROCUREMENT

1. The Condition For The Procurement Of Grace-- It's Authorized By Christ

John 1:1 For the law was given by Moses, but grace & truth came by Jesus Christ.

1-Cor 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.

Eph 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

2-Tim 1:9 (It is Jesus) Who hath saved us & called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but

According to His own purpose & grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

2. The Condition For the Procurement Of Grace—It's Accessed By Faith

Romans 5:2 (It is because of Christ) By whom we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and Rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3. The Condition For The Procurement Of Grace—It's Available Through Lifestyle

1. Humility Brings Grace

James 4:6 But He (God) gives more grace. Wherefore He says, God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

1-Pet 5:5 Likewise you younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.

Proverbs 3:34 Surely He (the Lord) scorns the scorers: but He gives grace unto the lowly.

2. Goodness Brings Grace

Proverbs 11:27 He that diligently seeks good procureth favor (or grace): but he that seeks mischief, it shall come to him.

Proverbs 12:2 A good man obtains favor (or grace): but the way of transgressors is hard.

3. Righteousness Brings Grace

Proverbs 14:9 Fools mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favor (or grace).

2. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE OF THE CERTAINTY OF THE PROCUREMENT

Psalms 86:15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious (that is giving grace to the qualified), Longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

3. GOD'S GRACE IS PROFICIENT BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENCE BY THE PROCUREMENT.

Psalms 5:12 For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor (or grace) wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Mat 19:26with God all things are possible.

2-Cor 2:14 Now thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph in Christ; and make manifest the savor (or the fragrant realization) of His knowledge by us in every place.

Conclusion:

Galatians 2:21 I do not frustrate (or make to no avail) the grace of God: for if righteousness came by the law, then Christ died in vain.

Accept Christ---call on His grace----claim His grace---compliment Him for His grace---and live in victory.