

18 February 2018

THE LOVE OF GOD EXPRESSED

TOPIC: THE GRACE OF GOD

GRACE MEANING

- ✘ Free and unmerited favor of God as manifested in the **salvation of sinners** and **bestowal of blessings**.

WHAT IS GRACE, TO WHOM IS IT GIVEN TO AND WHY?

- ✘ Titus 2:11 Ephesians 2:8
- ✘ Grace is a gift of God to ALL men
- ✘ God gave men this grace(gift) that by it he might be saved.
- ✘ Men receive it by accepting and having faith in Jesus Christ. John 3:16
- ✘ **Salvation**: preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin or loss
- ✘ **NB**: though GRACE is given to all men, but ONLY those who accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior receive and get access to GRACE.

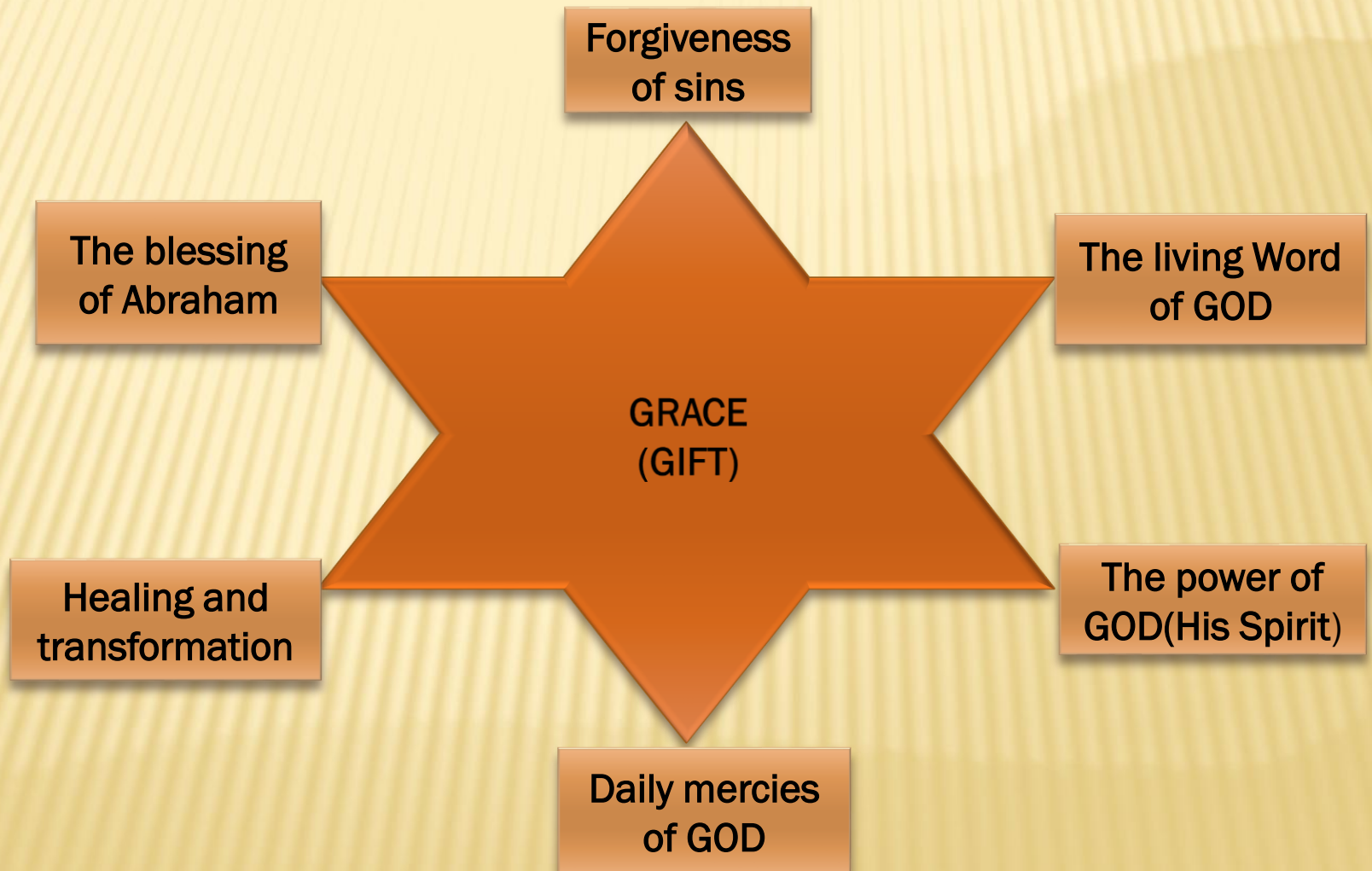
WHAT DOES GRACE SAVE MEN FROM?

- ✘ Isaiah 13:9-11 Romans 5:8-9
- ✘ The great day of the Lord
- ✘ On that day God is going to destroy all that were disobedient to Him(sinners).
- ✘ All the unrighteous

DO **ALL** PEOPLE **NEED** THIS GRACE?

- ✘ Romans 3:23 Titus 3:5 Isaiah 64:6
- ✘ All people **NEED** the grace of God
- ✘ All have sinned and fallen short of His glory
- ✘ **Fallen short of:** to fail to attain a specified amount, level or degree
- ✘ It by His mercy that He gave us His grace not by works of righteousness
- ✘ Non of us **DESERVED** grace but we **ALL NEED IT**

HOW DOES THIS GRACE SAVE ME/HOW DOES IT WORK?



THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

- ✘ Ephesians 1:7 Hebrews 8 :12
- ✘ Once you acknowledge that you are a sinner who needs a Savior, then by accepting Jesus Christ(GRACE) through His blood your sins are being paid of and forgiven.
- ✘ All the record of your sins are being cleared by His blood and God remembers them no more.

THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

- ✘ Titus 2:12 John 16:13 John 14:26
- ✘ After repenting(changing direction) and being forgiven, you need direction to right living before God.
- ✘ The Word of God(bible) gives us this direction.

THE POWER OF GOD (HIS SPIRIT)

- ✘ 2 Corinthians 12:9 Romans 8:1-4 Romans 8:8
- ✘ Once we have received the Word of God, His truth, His will we need DIVINE POWER to do what His Word tell us to do.
- ✘ God has given us His Spirit as the power that helps us especially in our weaknesses
- ✘ The law was weak in the flesh
- ✘ Those who are in flesh cannot please God
- ✘ Only those who walk according to the Spirit are able to fulfil the righteous requirement of the law.

DAILY MERCIES OF GOD

- ✘ Hebrews 4:16 Psalm 37:24 Lamentation 3:22-23
- ✘ God knew that sometimes, somewhere we might find ourselves falling just like any other student who would make mistakes in exams with what he/she has been taught.
- ✘ Therefore God has given us daily mercies so that if we fall that we might rise again.

HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION

- ✘ Deuteronomy 30:6 Romans 12:2 Hebrews 12:7-11
- ✘ In order for us to adapt and enjoy life under grace we need a transformed mind.
- ✘ The more we study and apply the Word of God, the more our minds are being transformed
- ✘ His Word together with the work of the Holy Spirit in us(Phillipians 2:13) teaches us discipline.(PAINFUL FOR A MOMENT BUT BEARS THE FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS)
- ✘ God takes you and is with you every step of the way. (Isaiah 43:1-2).

THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM

- ✘ Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (obedience sets/positions you up to receive your blessings from God)
- ✘ When God made covenant with Abram the only thing He required from him was obedience and purity. (Genesis 17:1)
- ✘ The blessing of Abraham: Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 27:28-29
- ✘ Within this blessing came a lot of other blessings.(favor, protection etc)
- ✘ Abraham: Genesis 21:22
- ✘ Isaac: Genesis 26:28
- ✘ Jacob: Genesis 30:27 and 30

GRACE RESTORING MEN TO HIS 'ORIGINAL BEING' RESULTS OF GRACE

- ✘ When God created man, He created him in His image(His nature).
- ✘ The fruits we bear give a proof of who's and who we are.(Matthew 7:16)
- ✘ Once we have receive the Spirit of God, we are able to bear the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22
- ✘ It is said that the more you spend time with a person the more you become like them.
- ✘ The blood of Jesus Christ made a way for us to enter the Holy of Holies and by His Spirit we have access to the Father. (Ephesians 2:14-18)
- ✘ Therefore, by this, we have privilege to spend time in the presence of the Father and the more we spend time in His presence, the more we become like Him.

BEARING THE GLORY OF GOD

- ✘ Finally as God changes us, He sends us to bear His glory to the world.
- ✘ He gave us the gifts of the Spirit according to the riches of His grace.
- ✘ As we go out to bear His glory with us being changed ‘beings’ and accompanied with the gifts of the Spirit, this will bear a witness before the world that God is in us and will see the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven through us.
- ✘ In this way many people will be attracted and want to be part of the Kingdom of God.

**RECEIVE THE GIFT OF GOD TODAY AND ESCAPE THE
COMING WRATH BUT MORETHAN THAT, EXPERIENCE
HEAVEN ON EARTH**

THANK YOU