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Episode 1: The Results of Saving Grace "Titus 2:11-14"

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds."

Introduction

What is grace? What does grace do for us? Grace is mentioned 170 times in the Bible. Consider some of the ways it can be defined:

1. Grace is God's unmerited favor. That is, grace is God doing good for us that we do not deserve. In the Bible, grace and mercy are like two heads of the same coin. Mercy is God withholding judgment or evil that I deserve; grace is God giving me blessing or good that I do not deserve. Because of God's mercy, I do not receive the judgment of God against my sins; because of God's grace, I receive eternal life and a promise of heaven though I do not deserve them. Both mercy and grace come to me through the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Grace can also be defined as God's sufficiency or God's fullness in the life of the believer. God told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). That is, the grace of God in Paul enabled him and empowered him in his weakness. Another verse states, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). God's grace working in us supplies the sufficiency whereby we may abound to every good work. I like to call grace "God's enough." By this I mean that God is enough for us no matter what the situation we face.

"In theological terms, there are two types of grace: **common grace** and **saving grace**".

1. **Common grace** is the favor that God gives to all people. Generally, it is manifested in the way God takes care of all people by providing for them sunshine, rain, shelter, food, government, laws, general health, etc. Common grace extends to every human alive.

2. **Saving grace** is that favor from God expressed upon those whom He has chosen. This expression of grace results in salvation, hence, we have such verses as: Ephesians 1:11: "In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will." "We, the chosen, have had the blessing of saving grace bestowed on us in abundance. Saving grace is based upon the love of God manifested in the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. Grace is not commodity or a substance. It is an action of God, therefore, it has a result. That is what is spoken of in v. 11; the grace of God that has appeared is the incarnation, the sacrifice, of Christ, the resurrection and the indwelling Spirit."

1. This indwelling grace that results in your salvation makes you zealous to do good works

1.1 This is because as it says in verse 14 that Jesus gave Himself for us so that we might be purified and zealous to do good.

1.2 THE CROSS purifies you, and the grace of God in you continues to purify you.

1.3 The Holy Spirit lives in you, and you have the very presence of God dwelling within you.

Conclusion

1.1 God's indwelling grace is active. It leads you and influences you. It brings change to you and within you.

1.2 The grace that results in salvation should be continuing to have a profound effect upon your hearts.

1.3 While eagerly looking ahead to the return of Christ, you are to turn away from ungodliness, you are to turn to holiness, and you are to do good works. This is the result, the manifestation of saving grace.

1.4 So, obviously, we also need the grace of God. We need it first of all for salvation. Without the grace of God, we cannot have eternal life. However, we also need the grace of God for our daily walk with God. We are weak and prone to stray. Jesus told us that we can do nothing without Him (John 15:5). But God provides daily strength through His grace working in us. We should seek this grace for living from him. Then, we should believe that He will provide what He has promised and walk with assurance that His grace is working in us.

1.5 Take account in your life in your mind and in your heart to see if you find the results of saving grace. Examine yourself to see if you are eager to do well, if you look forward to the return of Christ, if you avoid the sin of this present evil age.

2 Peter 1:2 NIV. Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.