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“Why GRACE Is So Amazing”

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We now come to the eighth principle concerning God's Grace for Victorious Living. I hope that you have grown as I have in understanding, believing, and receiving the Grace of God. Before I began this study with you, I had a surface understanding of the Grace of God, but now I have been blessed by the Holy Spirit to truly understand, see, activate, and walk in a level of the Grace of God that I have never experienced before.

Our foundation scripture for our study tonight it:

“Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.” **{James 4:5-10}**

“The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but He blessed the habitation of the just. Surely He scorneth the scorners: but He giveth grace unto the lowly. The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.” **{Proverbs 3:33-35}**

“Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts. Who are thou, O great mountain? Before Zerrubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. Moreover the Word of the Lord came unto me saying, The hands of Zerrubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it, and thou shalt know that

the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things?

For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerrubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.” **{Zechariah 4:6-10}**

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.” **{Zechariah 12:10}**

There is one common denominator that connects all of these scriptures together, and that is that Grace is reserved, imparted, activated, and increased in the lives of those who choose to walk and live in humility. Let me give you a definition of humility that the Spirit of God gave me:

Humility: Bowing under the sovereign hand of God acknowledging that I am helpless without His aid and assistance; and refusing to trust in my own self ability in living my life.

Just how do I live my life that attracts the Grace of God? I attract Grace as a “true friend” by settling in my heart that I need Grace for everything no matter how large or small; and making it a daily habit to seek the assistance of Grace in everything I do. The throne of Grace **{Hebrews 4:16}** is not just available in the impossible situation, but is available in every situation.

Look at what it declares in **Hebrews 13:9**:

“Be not carried about with divers 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.”

Our daily bread and sustenance should be fellowshiping and communing with the Grace of God, and this was one of the great revelations that the Apostle Paul had

sustained him in every battle, attack, persecution, betrayal, and every attempt that the enemy launched to destroy him and the ministry that God had called him to. **{See II Corinthians 12:9; I Corinthians 1:3; Philippians 1:2; Colossians 1:2; I Thessalonians 1:1; I Peter 1:2; II Corinthians 1:2}**

Think about this. Even after the Apostle John was exiled to the isle that was Patmos for the Word of God, for the testimony of Jesus Christ; his assurance that what God had revealed to him would be brought before the people was:

“John to the seven churches which are in Asia: **Grace** be unto you, and peace from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne. And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto god and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

{Revelation 1:4-7}

One of the greatest promises that the child of God should claim each day is found in **II Peter 3:18**:

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.”

“I now proclaim and decree that I am growing in the Grace of God and in the knowledge of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Each day I choose to fellowship with the Grace of God, and my life is fruitful, victorious, more than a conqueror because of the Grace that God has placed on my life.”