

PRAYER SCHOOL

Series Title: PRAYER 101: RECEIVING & ADMINISTERING GOD'S GRACE

Today's Message:

Part 3: Drawing From the Supply of Grace Provided Before the Beginning of Time

[2Ti 1:9-10 NIV] *9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

A. Understanding grace

1. Grace *charis* = Strong's 5485 (khä'-rēs) : that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness, good will, loving-kindness, favor of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, virtues, recompense, reward
2. Grace = unearned, undeserved, unmerited favor that is given to EVERYONE freely through Christ – we were ALL sinners and God sent His son to die for us WHILE we were sinners. We are saved by grace so that no man can boast.

[Eph 2:8-9 NIV] *8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.*

3. Grace = the finished work of Christ
4. God loved you so much that before He ever even made you, before He even made the earth, He FIRST supplied EVERY thing you would ever need. HE FIRST supplied the blood of the lamb (the blood of Jesus) before He created anything.

[Rev 13:7-8 NIV] *7 It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. 8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.*

5. God FIRST supplied the blood for your healing. He FIRST supplied the forgiveness for your sins! He FIRST supplied the supernatural ability you would need from Him, His wisdom and creativity, before He ever made you or gave you a destiny. He FIRST supplied Jesus and slayed Him for you and I before He made anything!!! We were made out of the blood. We were made righteous. We were created in a covenant of grace.

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6. By his stripes we were healed, but that was actually before anything here on this earth even existed.
7. The problem was though God made us out of His supply of grace, we broke that covenant in the garden and fell from our position of receiving in grace. We exchanged our covenant, not for a bowl of stew like Esau did (Gen 25:29-34), but instead for a piece of fruit on a tree (Gen 2-3). We gave up that blessed position that was given to us in grace and bought into the enemy's lies, and at that moment, all of mankind (through Adam and Eve) entered into agreement with the enemy and his lies rather than living in the fullness of God's grace and truth that we were made out of (Jesus, God's Word).
8. But when God SENT Jesus into the world, He made a new covenant with man, with Himself as man, that He knew would never be broken. His solution was for His covenant to no longer be with created man, but now His covenant is with Himself, with His own word. We are now partakers of that covenant of grace again forevermore, unable to be separated from God ever again, because we now partake of it all through Christ and through Christ alone. This was of course God's plan all along, knowing even before He made us that we would be deceived and fall into the trap of the enemy, but through His perfect plan of redemption, we have an even greater understanding of His love for us.
9. When you get a hold of the supply of God's grace from the beginning in your heart, your prayer life will change. It will no longer be wishy washy, it will no longer be fruitless, you will no longer constantly battle with doubt and unbelief. You will no longer struggle with an obscure image of the finished work of Christ, not knowing what to really look at or think on in a given situation or looking only to the earthly manifestation of Jesus dying on the cross. This is of course a powerful place to see and connect, but Jesus, as well as the Holy Spirit who lives in us desires to take us to the Father, and into His glory before and after the cross as well!!
10. Meditating on God's grace, on scriptures about His grace, about His love and goodness, about all He did for us from the beginning will open up the pathway in our heart for the Holy Spirit to lead us into ALL TRUTH. It is in this place you will see into the unseen with the eyes of your heart being enlightened! You will see clearly. You will see with great wisdom and understanding. You will see light even when there is darkness on earth, and you will begin to call it forth by faith.
11. When we go behind the veil with God into the realm of His Spirit (where we now live in Christ, because that veil was torn!), we no longer only look to the earthly manifestation of Jesus, but we begin to also draw from the deep waters of the holy spirit within us leading us into ALL truth. The

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Spirit leads us into the foundation of truth itself and the fixed, certain position of it so that we can then put our faith and trust in God Himself and in the entirety of His work, from beginning to end.

12. When we meditate on God's grace that was administered to all mankind before creation, and we allow the Holy Spirit to reveal God's goodness and love to us more and more and more and to see ALL that He has put up with, all that He has done on our behalf, how patient, patient, patient and victorious He is, we then pray out of a position of God's faith, God's understanding, God's realm living in us! This is how we pray His kingdom onto this earth! Certainly His kingdom has already come through Christ, but we are called to continue to establish and expand it here on earth by administering God's grace.
13. As ministers of grace, we speak forth God's will which is revealed to us in His Word (the bible) and through revelation of His Holy Spirit and we call forth "be it unto us all you have spoken!" "Be it on earth as it is in heaven."

Jesus DIED for us to be healed. He DIED FOR US.....IF IT WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR HIM TO DIE FOR THESE THINGS, THEN IT IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR ME TO LIVE FOR THEM! I HAVE TO HAVE MY HEALING, I HAVE TO HAVE MY PEACE, I HAVE TO HAVE MY JOY, I HAVE TO HAVE THE WEALTH....JESUS DIED SO I COULD HAVE ALL THIS!!!

14. I believe this is the realm in which God has called us to live in and grow up in Christ in --- to then be able to even overcome praying for another person and being limited by their limited faith. Jesus lived in this understanding and prayed from this understanding. I believe that is why ALL who He prayed for were healed!!!! He understood that He himself was the very grace of God that gave birth to the whole world and that nothing, not even sin (unbelief) could hinder Him. He KNEW He had victory over everything and His love for people released that faith in who the Father was and all He had already accomplished from the beginning to DRIVE OUT every imperfection.
15. If we will look to this abundant supply of grace (2 Cor 9:8-12) and draw from this supply when we pray for ourselves and for others, we will see God bigger and greater than all things; we will see Him victorious; we will see that death had no hold on Him; we will see that where sin abounds, His grace abounds all the more (Rom 5:20). We will no longer see ourselves, or even the person standing in front of us. We will no longer see the problem or circumstance. We will no longer see the child having a seizure and foaming at the mouth (Mar 9:20) or be hindered by anything in the natural. Instead, we will only see the abundant supply of God's grace and become ministers and administrators of it!

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[Jhn 1:15-18 ESV] 15 (*John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'"*) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 *For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* 18 *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

[Jhn 1:16 NIV] 16 *Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.*

2. Genesis 21:1-13 Story of Isaac and Ishmael – grace vs. law/faith vs. works
 - a. God pours out His grace and blessing upon all mankind, but it can only be received by faith in Jesus Christ; by faith in God's word and His faithfulness to His word. This is why God said to Abraham in vs 12 "*it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned*" (known, called by name).
 - b. Abraham is known as our father of *faith* and Isaac was the promised child conceived from God's provision of grace that Sarah and Abraham did nothing to earn or deserve and couldn't make happen on their own – Ishmael was born out of their own efforts and Sarah wasn't the one to give birth to him as God has promised them a child from her womb. The same is true of Christ who was born through faith, and for each of us born of the spirit through faith.
3. Grace was in operation well before Jesus died on the cross...that's when grace *appeared* to us in the form of man, but not when it began. For those like Noah or Abraham, they received the provisions of grace by believing upon God's word (Jesus is God, and He is the Word of God, not only a man who died on the cross.)

[Jhn 1:1-5 ESV] 1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* 2 *He was in the beginning with God.* 3 *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.* 4 *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.* 5 *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

[Mat 5:44-46 NIV] 44 *But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,* 45 *that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.* 46 *If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?*

3. God is full of compassion for all people Gen 21:14-21

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B. Praying in grace means:

1. When you are praying, you already know that the promise is yours based on God's Word saying it is and knowing His word is true, and the promise has already been supplied before the foundation of time.
2. You know that God has already supplied what you have need of in the supernatural and that your prayers are simply releasing what has already been provided in the supernatural into the natural.
3. A good amount of your prayer time will be spent in worship and thanksgiving, because you are in a place of rest.
4. You understand that God's love for you is unconditional and that because of Jesus you are ALWAYS in right standing with God. You understand He does not remember your sins. He sees you through the blood of His son who has MADE you holy and blameless in His sight.
5. You understand the power in the blood of Jesus, and the enemy's lies and tactics to get you to think God is mad at you or that you aren't worthy to receive are powerless against you!
6. You will see the fruit of the finished work of Christ in your life!
7. You will share stories of HIS glory.
8. Your heart is surrendered and open to the Holy Spirit to continually strengthen your inner man so that Christ (the word) dwells in your heart by faith.

HOMEWORK:

Grace confessions – continue meditating on grace scriptures and incorporating them into your prayer life this week as the Holy Spirit leads – see that you ALREADY have every provision and victory through Christ! From beginning to end!

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