

PRINCIPLES OF GRACE

1. The believer's greatest occupational hazard is disorientation to the GRACE of God.
 - A. Galatians 5:4, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from GRACE."
 - B. Hebrews 12:15, "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the GRACE of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."
 - C. Out of fellowship, carnal.
 - D. Negative toward the Word of God.
 - E. The creation of a negative vacuum into which is drawn legalism and religion, false doctrine, human viewpoint.
 - F. Occupation with the details of life.

2. GRACE and salvation are stated as a principle.
 - A. Psalm 103:8-12, "The Lord is merciful and GRACIOUS, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will He keep His anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the Heaven is high above the Earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us."
 - B. Romans 3:23, 24, "For ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Being justified freely by His GRACE through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."
 - C. Romans 4:4, "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of GRACE, BUT OF DEBT."
 - D. Romans 5:20, "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, GRACE did much more abound."
 - E. Ephesians 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."
 - F. 2 Corinthians 8:9, "For ye know the GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."
 - G. Hebrews 2:9, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the GRACE of God should taste death for every man."
 - H. Titus 2:11, "For the GRACE of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men."
 - I. Titus 3:7, "That being justified by His GRACE, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

3. GRACE and the Christian walk are stated as a principle.
 - A. GRACE is involved in prayer. Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of GRACE, that we may obtain mercy, and find GRACE to help in time of need."
 - B. GRACE is involved in suffering. 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10, "And He said unto me, My GRACE is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."
 - C. GRACE releases Divine Power. 2 Timothy 2:1, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the GRACE that is in Christ Jesus."

- D. GRACE forms stability. 1 Peter 5:12, "By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true GRACE of God wherein ye stand."
 - E. GRACE is involved in growth. 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in GRACE, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."
 - F. GRACE is involved in giving. 2 Corinthians 9:7, 8, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 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."
 - G. GRACE is involved in fellowship. Psalm 23:3, "He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake." 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 Corinthians 11:30, 31, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."
4. GRACE is the basis for the production of Divine Good.
- A. 2 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the GRACE of God I am what I am: and His GRACE which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the GRACE of God which was in me." 6:1, "We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the GRACE of God in vain." 9:8, "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."
 - B. 1 Peter 2:19, "For this is the GRACE (CHARIS, not as translated "thankworthy"), if a man for conscience toward God endures grief, suffering wrongfully."

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