

God's Grace And God's Conditions

The Grace Of God

Grace Begins With God

- Ephesians 2:4-10
- Salvation by grace is the gift of God.
- Begins with the nature of God.
 - Justice. Romans 3:23
 - Mercy and grace part of the eternal plan. 2 Timothy 1:9-10; cf. Ephesians 3:11
- Is salvation by Grace without conditions?

Faith Is A Condition

- Ephesians 2:8-9; John 6:29; 8:24
- Review of Augustine's teaching.

False Concept of Grace Denies Free Will...

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| Eden... | Cast out of Eden... |
| ■ Grace = enabling power | ■ All mankind separated from grace. |
| ■ Gave Adam the capacity for good. | ■ No Free-will |
| | ■ Totally depraved |

Faith Is Something Man Does

- In order for faith to exist there must be:
 - Fact
 - Witness
 - Testimony
 - Finally Belief
- cf. John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22-23, 27, 29-32, 36-37; Hebrews 2:3-4; 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

At What Point In Faith Does God Bless Us?

- Some believers, yet lost. John 8:30-31, 39-44; 12:42-43; James 2:14-23
- Faith is a response to the word. Romans 10:13-17
 - Faith is a work. John 6:29
 - Condition of receiving grace. Romans 5:1-2

Numbers 21:6-9 Fiery serpents.

- Israel often departed. **1 Corinthians 10:1ff**
- Today God prescribes the way of healing.
John 3:14-15

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Joshua 6:1-5 City of Jericho taken.

- *"I have given..."* cf. **1 John 5:11**
- *"Wall fell down flat..."* **Joshua 6:20**
- *"By faith the walls... fell."* **Hebrews 11:30**

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Judges 6-7 Gideon and the Midianites.

- Israel outnumbered and oppressed. **6:5**
- Gideon's army shrinks. **7:2**
- Gideon's instructions.
 - *"Look on me and do likewise."* verses 17ff
 - *"Every man stood in his place."* verse 21

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2 Kings 5:1-14 Naaman the leper.

- None healed like Naaman. **Luke 4:27**
- *"Behold I thought..."* verse 11
 - ☐ Man must forsake his thoughts.
- Isaiah 55:8-9; cf. 6-7; Isaiah 1:18; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8**

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John 9:6ff Blind man healed.

- Never before had such been done.
(cf. 9:32)
- Who sinned to cause this man's blindness?
John 9:1-5
- How was the blind man made to see?
John 9:6-12

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Nature Of Conditions

- Calls for absolute dependence upon God.
- Calls for absolute trust in God.
 - Israelites and the fiery serpents.
 - Joshua and Jericho.
 - Gideon and the Midianites.
 - Naaman and his leprosy.
 - Blind man healed.

The Grace Of God Provides

- The Lamb of God. Matthew 26:39
- The Blood of Jesus. Romans 3:25
- The Gospel. 1 Corinthians 15:1ff
- Remission of Sins. Ephesians 1:3,7
- Strength. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9
- Eternal life. Titus 1:2

The Grace Of God Demands

- Love of the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:10ff
- Knowledge of the truth. Titus 2:11-3:14
- Faith. Romans 5:1-2
- Obedience of Faith. Hebrews 5:8-9
- Baptism into Christ. Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26
- Life of Faithfulness. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Galatians 5:4

Grace Came Teaching. Titus 2:11-12

- Teaching produces Faith. Romans 10:17
- Obedient faith is our access into God's grace. Romans 5:1-2
 - Faith is a work of God. John 6:29; John 8:24
 - Repentance. Acts 17:30-31; cf. Titus 2:11-12 "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts..."
 - Confession. Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37
 - Baptism. Acts 2; 22:16

- The gospel is God's power to save. Romans 1:16-17
 - Facts to be believed.
 - Commands to be obeyed.
 - Promises in which to trust.
- We lack faith in God when we are unwilling to trust His word and obey the conditions.