



GOD'S GRACE



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Dear Partner,

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The most spiritual thing that will keep you in the flow of God's grace is I'M FORGIVEN. The strategy Satan is using to block Christians is to not let them receive the revelation that THEY ARE FORGIVEN. Many Christians are walking in the realm of condemnation, yet God delivered them from that dreadful state over two thousand years ago (meditate Romans 8:1). I want you to stop and say I'M FORGIVEN and I'M LOVED.

In the book of Acts, it is written that a boy who was listening to Paul preach for an extremely long time, fell and died. Paul went down and raised him from the dead, then went back into the room and broke bread. Why didn't Paul make a big deal about this boy's tragedy and miracle? Why didn't Paul draw attention to the boy? He knew that without Jesus' DEATH, BURIAL, and RESURRECTION there would've been no miracle at all. The most important priority in your life is remembering the DEATH, BURIAL, and RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ, **and knowing that it's through *this* that you were set free!** Satan will try to keep you focused on your *behavior* instead of your *believing*. But, believing is more powerful than your behavior. You may ask: Believing what? Take a look at **2 Corinthians 5:21. *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*** And **Galatians 2:21, *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*** Stop depending on your own self-efforts to earn and qualify for God's blessings! If you do so, you are telling Jesus that He died in vain. **GOD GAVE HIS LIFE SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO HELL! YOU DON'T HAVE TO STRUGGLE WITH RIGHEOUSNESS; ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE FORGIVEN!** Satan has you fighting behaviors and sins when all you have to do is let the resurrection of Christ paralyze the sin nature and put it in place.

You are trying to put out small fires from last week, but God wants you to focus on the fact that you are FORGIVEN. Partner, never feel unworthy just because you may be bound to a habit. Continue telling yourself I AM LOVED BY GOD AND I AM FORGIVEN BY GOD. Jesus is saying, "You are my child. Come back in!"

THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS

1 Corinthians 3:11 says, "**For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**"

Jesus laid a *forgiving* foundation and a *loving* foundation; not a *fault-finding* foundation. Look at Jesus in the Scripture! No one was too bad to come to Jesus. Examples: look at the woman at the well. Look at the woman who washed His feet. Everybody that reli-

gion turned away Jesus accepted. Jesus did not usually pass through Samaria (John 4) but he took a detour to pass through Samaria to minister to the *bad* woman. He told her He had water, and if she would drink it, she would never thirst again. Radical! Jesus was talking about spiritual water, and in that water was the *grace, love, and forgiveness* she needed. She came to the well as a prostitute, heard the word, and left another woman. She went back to town and started preaching. What kind of message do you think she preached? It was the Grace message. She told everybody “here is a man who did not make a pass at me.” She’d continue, “I met a man who did not condemn me and tell me how bad I was. I met a man who told me I was forgiven.” She took a drink. Do you think that woman went back to prostituting? No! Because when temptation came she had the revelation “I’M FORGIVEN!”

1 Corinthians 15:3 declares that the death, burial, and resurrection is of the most important. Why? Because, it is the root of it all. It is the very release of the power of Grace. I am forgiven and I am loved.

You need to release bitterness, after all, Jesus died for you. I’m told that doctors can test your saliva for a poison that is developed because of bitterness. If it’s there, it can poison your system. If that bitterness is in you, it is poisoning your body every day. And if you don’t get it out, it will cause problems. The Grace and anointing of God will bring you back to a healthy state.

YOU MUST KNOW YOUR INHERITANCE

The oldest boy, who was at home with the father, did not enjoy the blessings as well as the boy who left and went to the streets. The oldest boy was “in the baker’s shop begging for bread.” He could have been enjoying the love, grace, and inheritance of the father, but he was there murmuring and complaining about everything. He was no better off than the son that left for the streets. **This is the position of the average Christian. They are in the position of covenant blessing. They are in the position of inheritance. They are in the position of Grace. They are in the position to receive, but will not receive their God-given grace and inheritance.**

Why is the average Christian not rich? It’s because he doesn’t know the Grace of God! 2 Corinthians 8:9 says, “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.” I have a word for you. Get in POSITION, BELIEVE and RECEIVE!

What you need to know is YOU ARE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST JESUS. Do what God tells you to do and you will be in position to receive.

In conclusion, remember that you don’t have to work your way back into right standing with God because you never fell out of it. You are *in* His righteousness. The Bible says that His righteousness is a gift (Romans 5:17). So, stop beating on yourself and accept God’s love. He will never leave nor forsake you. And Remember, **2014 IS THE YEAR TO FLOW IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD’S GRACE!**

In His Grace,

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