

**LOOK NO FURTHER!
LOOK NO FURTHER FOR GRACE!
JOHN 1:6-9, 15-36 (Text Vs 29, Vs 36)**

Introduction

In *John 1:29* we have the words of John the Baptist in regard to Jesus: He said, "*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*"

In *verses 15-27*, we read where John the Baptist spoke of One Who was coming after him, Whose shoe latchets he was not worthy to loose.

Understand that many folks were following after the ministry of John the Baptist and thought He might be the Christ. So they sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to question him about who he was! But John the Baptist plainly denied being the Christ and told them about One Who would soon be revealed that was greater than he was! So, they began to look for the One John spoke about!

Now, the One John spoke of was *the Anointed One—the promised Messiah*. The Messiah is the One that the Jews had been looking for and longing for!

The very next day Jesus showed up at Bethabara, where John the Baptist had been baptizing. *Bethabara* means the "*house of the ford*." This is the only place in the Bible it is mentioned. A "*ford*" is a place where you can "*wade*" across.

That next day when Jesus walked up, John the Baptist in so many words was telling the people, **you need to look no further** for the One that I was talking to you about just yesterday. He is here...and there He is!

John made the statement, "*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*" The All Satisfying One had arrived on the scene!

When you come to Jesus you need to "look no further" for the things that matter the most in life! There are multitudes of people whose lives are empty, but they are looking for satisfaction and fulfillment in all the wrong places: Some look for it in their jobs...their marriages...in possessions...in pleasure...in drugs or alcohol...some look for it in other places.

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The only place to find true satisfaction and true fulfillment is in Jesus. I want to bring you three messages from this passage of Scripture: This morning let's see this: **LOOK NO FURTHER FOR GRACE.**

John actually lists two things in one verse that came by Jesus Christ. (Look at John 1:17 again) The first of these is "grace."

Grace is God "*giving us what we do not deserve.*" The "**grace**" that John the Baptist was speaking of is the kindness and love of God toward man shown to us in the person and work of His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Peter 5:10 calls our God, "*The God of all grace. . .*"

Grace is something that is **NOT** the result of our **works**, but rather comes our way because of the kindness and love God in sending His Son! Paul spoke of this grace and the exclusion of works in salvation:

Romans 11:6—"And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

I. WE ARE SAVED BY HIS GRACE!

**A. The Law Of God Was Given By Moses!
By the Law Came Death!**

Galatians 3:10—"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

Romans 3:19-25

Romans 8:2-4

**b. The Grace Of God Came By Jesus Christ!
By Grace Came Eternal Life!**

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Galatians 3:13—"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"

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."

Ephesians 2:8-9—"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast"

Romans 3:24—"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"

Look no further for saving grace, behold the Lamb of God!

**II. WE ARE SAVED BY HIS GRACE!
WE ARE SET FREE BY HIS GRACE!
(John 8:31-36; Romans 6:14-18)**

Slavery in the United States was abolished by the 13th Amendment on December 18, 1865. How many slaves were there on December 19. In reality, none. However, many still lived like slaves. They did this for one of four reasons.

- 1) Some of them never heard the truth.
- 2) Some of them heard the truth but did not understand the truth.
They thought that they were going to be free, but did not know that they had already been set free.
- 3) Some of them heard the truth but did not believe the truth.
- 4) Some of them heard the truth but chose to continue living as they had always been taught.

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Listen to me, when you get saved, Satan has no legal right to you anymore! Don't continue to live as a slave to sin! You've been set free!

WE ARE SAVED BY HIS GRACE...SET FREE BY HIS GRACE...

III. WE ARE SECURED BY HIS GRACE! (1 Peter 1:3-5)

Some of the most precious words in Scripture are related to our security in Christ!

1 John 5:11-13—"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

We didn't do anything to get it! We can't do anything to lose it!
Romans 8:38-39—"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

IV. WE ARE SANCTIFIED BY HIS GRACE! (Ephesians 5:25-27)

Sanctified means we are set apart from what we were to be what He wants us to be! I've been given a holy calling and you have too, if you have been saved!

2 Timothy 1:9—"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began"

He begins the process of making us like Jesus when we get saved and keeps the process going of molding us and making us into the image of Christ until we go home to be with Him.

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V. WE ARE SERVANTS BY HIS GRACE! (i.e. Bondservants)

You may say, "Bondservants? I thought we were set free?!"

We have been set free from the cruel master of sin.

So that we might serve forever by choice, and out of love, the One good Master Who bought us and set us free. (Deuteronomy 15:16-17)

Romans 1:1—"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ."

1 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 with me."

2 Corinthians 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:"

VI. WE ARE SETTLED BY HIS GRACE!

Ephesians 2:10—"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Paul told the elders of the Ephesian Church in *Acts 20:32—"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."*

1 Peter 5:10—"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

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VII. WE ARE SUCCORED (i.e. HELPED) BY HIS GRACE!

Hebrews 2:18—"For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted"

*Hebrews 4:15-16—"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 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.**"*

LOOK NO FURTHER FOR GRACE—BEHOLD THE LAMB!

CONCLUSION

Are you at the end of your rope? Have you tried everything this world has to offer but in the end it has left you feeling empty?!

Look no further!! Behold the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ! In Him is everything you will ever need and it comes to you by grace!

But you may say, Brother Jerry, I've tried Christ and it was great for a while but I'm don't seem to be fulfilled anymore, I seem to have lost something!

Are you abiding in Him? Could it be that you aren't abiding in Him?

Galatians 3:2-3—"This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"

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