

God's Lavish Grace: pressing sinners into service

1 Timothy 1:12-20

God's grace _____ your whole life

1. God's grace turns sinners into _____ v.12-17

Philippians 3:5-6 » (I was) ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

Acts 7:58 » the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 26:10-11 » "And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them. ¹¹ And as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them even to foreign cities."

God's Grace to a Believer Cultivates:

A) _____

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 » ²⁶ For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷ but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

2 Corinthians 4:15 » that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

B) _____

Ephesians 2:10 » For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

C) _____

Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26-31

Five Trustworthy Sayings: 1 Timothy 1:15, 3:1, 4:9; 2 Timothy 2:11; Titus 3:8

D) _____

2 Corinthians 12:9 » my grace is sufficient for you, power is perfected in weakness

2. God's grace turns servants into _____ v.18-20

Ways We See God's Sanctifying Grace:

A) _____

2 Peter 1:3 » His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

Philippians 4:19 » And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

B) _____

1 Timothy 4:16 » Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

Ephesians 6:12 » For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

C) _____

2 Timothy 2:16-18 » But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,¹⁸ *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

1 Corinthians 5:5 » deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Hebrews 12:6-11 » Those whom the Lord loves, He disciplines...¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful, yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Questions to Consider

1. Should you look back at your past with sorrow, guilt, thankfulness or _____? Why?
2. What is the proper response by a Christian to God's grace?
3. What are particular ways you see the grace of God evident in your life this last year?
4. How are you most prone to taking credit for the work of God?