

“Grace To Help In Time Of Need!”
Hebrews 4:16

Introduction:

1. Have You Ever Experienced A Time When All You Could Say Is: “What Am I Going To Do?”
 - At School – Students Have Just Finished Their Papers & Finals!
 - Probably Have Said This At Some Point This Semester!
 - “What Am I Going To Do?”
 - At Work – Faced With Quotas And Deadlines!
 - “What Am I Going To Do?”
 - At Home – A Decision That Needs To Be Made, Or A Relationship That Needs To Be Mended!
 - “What Am I Going To Do?”
 - In Life – Consequences To Your Own Choices & Your Own Sins!
 - “What Am I Going To Do?”
2. One Of The Most Wonderful Blessings As A Christian Is That Whenever There Is A Time You Wonder: “What Am I Going To Do” – You Can Be: “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you!” (1 Peter 5:7)
 - Why? How Is It Even Possible That God Should Care About My Needs And Problems?
 - Because He Is A God Of Grace! “God Of All Grace!” (1 Peter 5:10)
 - This Morning, I Want Us To Look At The Grace He Offers For Every One Of His Children!
 - Hebrews 4:11-16!
 - Focus Attention On 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!”
3. You Can “Find Grace To Help In Time Of Need” This Morning!
 - Through A Personal Relationship With The Lord Jesus Christ, You Can Receive An Answer To The Ever-Present Question: “What Am I Going To Do?”
 - Because, When It Comes To The Grace Of God:

1. *You Must Recognize Your Dependence Upon God’s Grace!*

- There Are Always Things & People That We Depend Upon!
 - I Depended On My Car To Get Me To Church Today!
 - When It Didn’t Work Last Week, I Was Greatly Troubled!
 - I Depended On My Coffee Maker This Morning!
 - And If It Didn’t Work, We Would All Probably Be Greatly Troubled!
 - Most Of The Time, We Forget Our Need For God’s Grace!
 - Hebrews 4:16 - Up To “Find Grace!”
 - We Need God’s Grace!
- Why Do We Need God’s Grace?
 - Because Of Our Own Weakness!
 - John 15:5 - “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing!”
 - Nothing Of Value, Use Or Importance In Your Christian Life For God!
 - We Are Weak!
 - We Are Weak! And We Need God’s Grace!
 - So, God Provides Strength For Our Weakness!
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9 - “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!”
 - And God’s Strength Is His Grace!
 - Because Of Our Own Will!
 - Not Only Is Our Flesh Weak, So Is Our Will!
 - Romans 7:19 - “For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do!”
 - Our Will Is Weak! And We Need God’s Grace!
 - So, God Provides Support For Our Will!

- Philippians 2:13 - "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure!"
- And God's Support Is His Grace!
- Because Of Our Own Wickedness!
 - Romans 7:24 - "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"
 - Our Wickedness Is Great! And We Need God's Grace!
 - So, God Provides Sanctification For Our Wickedness!
 - Romans 7:25 - "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin!"
 - And God's Sanctification Is His Grace!
- We Need God's Grace!
 - Until You See Your Need For God's Grace, You Are In No Position To Receive God's Grace!
- When Do We Need God's Grace?
 - God's Grace Is Sometimes Difficult To Define Or Determine! But One Thing We Do Know, Is That God's Grace Is Real! And It Is Something We Need All The Time!
 - Are You Tempted To Wickedness? You Need God's Grace!
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13 - "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it!"
 - This Is Grace!
 - Are You In Need Of Wisdom? You Need God's Grace!
 - James 1:5 - "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him!"
 - This Is Grace!
 - Are You Attempting To Witness? You Need God's Grace!
 - 1 Peter 3:15 - "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear!"
 - It Is The "Lord God In Your Hearts" Who Will Give You The Answer! This Is Grace!
 - Could Go On!
 - Are You Afraid? Are You Facing Trials?
 - You Need God's Grace!
 - You Need God's Grace To Motivate You To Pray!
 - You Need God's Grace To Teach You From His Word!
 - You Needed God's Grace To Even Desire & Then To Get Up And Come To Church Today!
 - You Need God's Grace All The Time!
 - Because It Is God's Grace That Enables You To Be & To Do All That He Desires!
- Do You Recognize Your Complete Dependence Upon God's Grace?
 - Until You Realize The Need For God's Grace, You Are In No Position To Receive God's Grace! But When You Do:

2. ***You Must Remember The Display Of God's Grace!***

- How Do We Know That God Will Provide Us His Grace?
 - God Displays His Grace In The Past! Genesis 6:8 - "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD!"
 - God Displays His Grace Through His Promises! James 4:6 - "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble!"
- God Displays His Grace To Your Humble Prayer!
 - How Do We Receive God's Grace? Hebrews 4:16a!
 - This Is How We "Find" Grace To Help In Time Of Need!
 - "Find" - The Discovery After A Period Of Looking And Searching!

- You Will Never Find God's Grace, If You Don't Want God's Grace!
 - The Lord Said To Israel: Deuteronomy 4:29 - "But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul!" – This Is Grace!
 - Proverbs 8:17 - "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me!" – This Is Grace!
 - Matthew 7:7 & Luke 11:9 - "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you!"
- But God's Grace Is Not Something Hidden Or Unavailable!
 - Romans 3:24 - "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus!"
- Do You Need God's Grace? Go To Humble Prayer!
- God Displays His Grace Through Your High Priest!
 - Hebrews 4:14-15! This Is How God Provides His Grace!
 - Our "Great High Priest – Jesus The Son Of God!"
 - He Is The Only One Who Can Provide The Grace We Need!
 - Because Of His Relationship With The Father!
 - As The Son Of God, He Can Ask The Father For His Grace!
 - Because Of His Relationship With His People!
 - As The "Great High Priest" He Is Our "Go-Between" Who Bridges The Great Gap Between Us & God, And Offers His Grace!
 - Because Of His Relationship With Our Problems!
 - He Suffered In Greater Ways Than We Could Ever Imagine!
 - Not Only To Save, But Also To Sympathize With Us Over Our Own Temptations, Trials, And Problems! He Is "Touched With The Feeling Of Our Infirmities!" And Provides His Grace!
 - Do You Need God's Grace? Go To & Through Your Great High Priest!
- We Must Remember That God Displays His Grace!
 - To Those Who Pray! In The Right Way! Through Christ!
 - But After Requesting God's Grace, Then:

3. ***You Must Rely Upon The Delivery Of God's Grace!***

- **IE:** I Subscribe To The Greenfield Daily Reporter - Expect It Every Day Somewhere! Sad That We Won't Get A Friday Paper - I'll Try To Remember Not To Look For It! But, How Do I Get It? It Is Delivered To Me! Mail Too! But If It Doesn't Come The Regular Way, I Can Go Get It Myself! This Is Not The Way We Get God's Grace! I Can Only Get God's Grace From God!
- How Does God Deliver His Grace?
 - Through His "Means Of Grace!"
 - Already Mentioned One: Prayer! God Delivers His Grace To His People / To You Through Prayer!
 - We Don't Enjoy The Full, Free Grace Of God To Its Fullest Extent, Because We Don't Avail Ourselves Of What He Uses To Give It!
 - Other Means:
 - The Words Of Christ! "Word Of His Grace" (Acts 20:32)
 - The Church Of Christ! (2 Corinthians 8:1)
 - The Supper Of Christ! The Baptism Of Christ! The Spirit Of Christ! "Spirit Of Grace" (Hebrews 10:29) The Obedience To Christ! The Worship Of Christ!
 - We Don't Receive God's Grace Because We Don't Rely Upon God's Own Delivery Methods Of His Grace!
 - Means: Giving To Christ - Malachi 3:10 - "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it!"
 - That's Grace! A Vast Treasury!
- When Does God Deliver His Grace?

- Hebrews 4:16 - Up To "In Time Of Need!"
- See This Over & Over Again In Scripture!
 - Most Recently In Our Study Of Nehemiah 2:4 - "Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven!"
 - And He Found God's Grace!
 - Just When He Needed It!
- This Ought To Keep Us In The Presence Of God!
 - "Specific Resources Are Given To Meet Immediate Needs! We Are Not Promised A Reservoir Of Blessing Given In Advance Of All Life's Difficulties; **Sufficient Grace Matches Present Need!**" (Brown)
- So, Go To The Lord & Stay With The Lord!
- Why Does God Deliver His Grace?
 - Hebrews 4:16 - Up To "To Help!"
 - What Greater Help Can There Be?
 - "Help" - Used In Acts 27:27 - "Which when they had taken up, **they used helps, undergirding the ship**; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven!"
 - What Does God's Grace Do?
 - In Acts 27, These "Helps" Bound The Ship Together, To Enable It To Survive The Force Of Waves And Tempest!
- This Is Exactly What God's Grace Will Do For You!
 - God's Grace Will Strengthen You!
 - God's Grace Will Support You!
 - God's Grace Will Ultimately Sustain You!

Conclusion:

1. We Need God's Grace!
 - All The Time!
 - And God Has Made It – His Full & Free Grace – Available To You! Through His Own Son, Jesus Christ!
 - Do You:
 - Recognize Your Dependence Upon Grace?
 - Remember God's Display Of Grace?
 - Rely Upon God's Delivery Of Grace?
2. "Ye Have Not, Because Ye Ask Not!" (James 4:2)
 - Hebrews 4:16!

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