

What The Scriptures Teach About the Free Grace of God:
Galatians 2:21;3:6-9 December 26, 2021

God's plan to fuel your life can be explained like this: Grace in the morning, grace in the evening—Grace to begin your new life in Christ, grace to continue your life in Christ—grace all through the day, grace to triumph in conflict, grace to begin afresh when we lose in conflict: Grace Grace Grace—be strong in grace, be often at the throne of grace; for by grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God lest any man should boast.

We begin at Galatians 2:21:

Not only the experience of the Galatians (3:1-5) but the scriptures also confirm the gospel message Paul brought to them (Grace to you and peace from God the father and our Lord Jesus Christ who gave Himself for our sins that he might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and father.)

This short passage (3:6-9) is about God's gracious dealings with Abraham: Paul is saying here that God's rich free grace has always been *the plan*—even going back to Abraham—READ

Surrender With a Disposition Like Abraham: 3:6

A. God made a covenant with this man. The scriptures say that his faith—not his works, not his rituals, not his ancestors—but his faith “*was accounted to him for righteousness*”.

B. Where the scripture says “Abraham believed God” it means “the disposition with which Abraham responded to the promise God made to Him.” (Ridderbos: p. 118)

“In Genesis 15 this faith is described as Abraham's readiness to surrender unreservedly to the word of the lord, regardless of how incredible it seemed.” Read Genesis 15:4-6 Note previous promises: 12:2; 13:14-16. Now note 15:5 –He is 85 with no children yet. And yet with a disposition that let go of sight, probability, natural expectation—reason and logic.

II. Receive like Abraham received:

Abraham received much—especially a standing: justified. Romans 4:1-5.

Outside the state of guilt. In complete harmony with God's standard of judgment. All clear.

Grace: unearned, unmerited—w/o ritual 4:9-12.

How do you know you have received this standing?

III. Expect like Abraham: Galatians 3:8b,9

Abraham fulfilled God's will for his life by trusting Him at each turn in the path that God led him: In this way he has become the spiritual father of a multitude no man can number.

You will fulfill God's will for you in His world-wide plan by believing and applying God's grace to you right where you are.

