

INTRODUCTION

1. Tit 2:11-14 a life in which we are *instructed by grace*.. "Living by grace alone thru faith alone in Christ alone."

1st: Our Standing in Grace

1. Quiz by Jerry Bridges, Discipline of Grace, "How Good is Good Enough?" to be able to witness for Christ?
 - i. A good day:
 - ii. A not so good day:
 - iii. Regardless of our performance, we are always dependent on grace.
2. Rom 5:1-2 can you identify the past, present & future?
 - i. Past completed & abiding blessings
 - ii. Pres blessings
 - iii. Future
3. An objective, intact, established salvation: *grace in which we stand*.

2nd: Surrounded by Grace

1. Atmosphere: grace surrounds us. Inclusions - book-ends of Paul's letters: begin *grace be to you* & conclude w/ *grace be with you*. Grace is the atmosphere for the life of faith.
 - i. Rom 1:7 & 16:20 _____ viii. 1Thes 1:1 & 5:28
 - ii. 1C 1:3 & 16:23 _____ ix. 2Thes 1:2 & 3:18
 - iii. 2C 1:2 & 13:14 _____ x. 1T 1:2 & 6:21b
 - iv. Gal 1:3 & 6:18 _____ xi. 2T 1:2 & 4:22
 - v. Eph 1:2 & 6:24 _____ xii. Tit 1:4 & 3:15
 - vi. Phil 1:2 & 4:23 _____ xiii. Phile 3 & 25
 - vii. Col 1:2 & 4:18

2. We receive grace by faith in Christ & we live by grace thru faith in Christ.
3. Mt 15:13 a disciple = a plant planted by Father.
 - i. v7-11 - Phars to be uprooted for hypocrisy.
 - ii. v15-20 our words = evidence of life of the heart
 - iii. Recall parable of sower/soils. 1 Cor 3:6-7.

Applic #1: Grace Explains Why You Are a Christian

1. Why are you a believer? GRACE. Eph 2:4-10
2. There is not place for pride; for boasting - [1C 4:7]; *let him who boasts, boast in the Lord* [1C 1:31; 2C 10:17] - Jer 9:23-24. Why are you a Christian? God's *lovingkindness* - God's *delight*.

Applic #2: Be Assured That The Means of Grace Are Effective For You

1. Having planted you in the climate of grace, the means of grace are divinely effective for your growth & fruitfulness. Private & corporate means.
2. Be nourished in the means of grace & exercise the muscles of faith.