

Title: The Power of Grace and Hope

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You know, this is what we live for. There is no hypocrisy in the House of the Lord. If there is hypocrisy, it will leave. It is very simple. Amen. The Lord said to tell you that, okay. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Whoo, today I have entitled this word, "Divine blessing, favor, grace and hope." God loves us so much. Yes, He does.

John 1:14-17 AMPC

"And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His Majesty), such glory as an only begotten Son receives from His Father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth."

Before I go any further, I want to read it again, "And the Word Christ became flesh, human incarnate and tabernacled, fixed His tent of flesh and lived awhile among us, and we actually saw His glory, His honor, His Majesty, such glory as an only begotten Son receives from His Father, full of grace, favor, loving-kindness and truth."

Verse 15, "John testified about Him and cried out. This was He of Whom I have said, He Who comes after me has priority over me, for He was before me. [He takes rank above me, for He existed before I did. He has advanced before me, because He is my Chief.]"

Verse 16, "For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share, and we were all supplied with] one grace after another, and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, and even favor upon favor, and gift [heaped] upon gift."

I will read it again, "For out of Jesus's fullness (abundance) we have all received, [all had a share, and we were all supplied with] one grace after another, and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift."

Verse 17, "For while the law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ."

Beautifully, beautifully spoken and articulated. This man, Jesus, who John the Baptist here is testifying of, the Word, Christ, Who he came and prepared the way for, was full of grace and favor, loving-kindness and truth. He manifested the glory of God. He manifested the heart of the Father. He manifested the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven in His tent, in His earthly vessel. He manifested grace upon grace, favor upon favor, blessing upon blessing. He fulfilled all that was written of Him. This grace is unearned, undeserved favor. Jesus is the Captain and the Lord of all grace, amen. All truth comes through Him and abounds through Him, and He is always working to reveal this to us. It is amazing to me, grace upon grace, favor upon favor, blessing upon blessing. This is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

Thank you, Jesus. You know that it is by faith, through grace, that we have been saved. What a powerful passage. We do not want to just go to this verse when we need something. We need to know that this is our inheritance. We need to know where we are seated. We understand Kingdom authority, and that is the throne of grace, where all goodness and blessing and favor flows from. Jesus is King here. He instructs us, "come boldly." There is no intimidation there.

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I told you last week that we have to bind and cast down the intimidator who wants to keep you from all that Jesus Christ died for you to have, correct? When we line up with the Word of God and we agree with what He is saying, we receive this. There is where the "grace meets the road." Yes. We are called to, "Come boldly before the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." That is very, very powerful. "Oh, what God can do, right? Oh, what God has done. Oh, what God will do. Know, God, we wait for you."

Everyone of us understands what God can do, because we are living, breathing testimonies of His presence, His goodness and His grace. We know what He has done for us, and that is why we can come boldly. Rejoicing and thanking the Lord each and every day. We know that we have been saved, snatched out of hell and forgiven. We know what God can do, what He will do, and what He wants to do according to His Word. It is always out there. It is exceedingly, abundantly, above and beyond anything you can hope, think or imagine. This is the grace and goodness of God.

We know that God is for us. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" The throne of grace, my goodness, what power proceeds from the throne of grace, that we would come boldly to the throne of grace. What power proceeds from the throne of grace? It is not wimpy. It is not weak. What power comes from the throne of grace! I just want you to think on that for a moment. Sometimes grace can look cheap if it is taken for granted. We have to understand and really respect the grace of God that has been extended to us. The favor, His blessing, and the hope that He gives us. We do not want to ever take this for granted. We have to know and believe that the power proceeds from the throne of grace towards us. Power comes forth from the throne of grace. John saw that Jesus was "full of grace and favor and truth." He knew that in Him was fullness. He knew that there comes grace after grace, after spiritual blessing after spiritual blessing, and favor upon favor would come in, with and through the Christ. Because the Lord Jesus Christ is blessed of the Father, right? He is full of mercy and truth and grace. He knew this to be true. He saw this. He testifies of this.

We have the whole Bible, the new covenant, and it shows us the truth and the grace found in Christ. What power proceeds from the throne of grace. Jesus was sent forth in power. Jesus is sent forth from the throne to us, in power. So, when I receive Jesus, even before I get the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, I have received power from on high. Jesus Christ, came from the throne of grace. Then He comes and He lives inside of us. He becomes our Lord and our Master, amen. The Father says, "There is more." That is that grace upon grace, favor upon favor, and blessing upon blessing. He says, "Oh, there is more. Now, I am going to baptize you in My Holy Spirit and fire, so that you could be the Christ on the Earth. The Christians, the ones going around doing good, healing all the sick and oppressed of the devil," right? You are going to be the ones who go out commissioned with the great gospel, going into all the world and preaching. You are going to do the same works as Jesus did. There is power coming from the throne of grace upon every believer, and it is removing veils of deception, bad teaching and unbelief. So all can understand and step into the fullness of who you are in Him. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. Amen.

God chooses to grant to His family great grace every day in order to accomplish and reveal His perfect will for us and His Kingdom. God chooses to grant to His family great grace every day. It is not just, "I received grace when I was saved." Yes, we did, but there is grace every day. Every day He chooses this. The Father chooses it. The Father is for us, not against us. Jesus is for us, not against us. The Holy Ghost is for us, not against us. The angels of the Lord are for us, not against us. The Kingdom of Heaven is greater than the kingdoms of hell. Right? So, the throne of grace is powerful, and that grace is flowing through Christ in you, the hope of glory. Amen. He gives great grace every day in order to accomplish and reveal His perfect will, for us and His Kingdom, for us and His Kingdom. Thank the Lord, we are not alone. This is a big deal.

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He is high and He is exalted, and we worship Him at the throne of grace. He is Lord of all, and He is worthy of His name. Grace is actually the ability to function in life by the power of His Spirit and His anointing to overcome. Grace is the ability to function in life by the power of His Spirit and His anointing to overcome. I will say it again. Grace is the ability to function in life by the power of His Spirit and His anointing to overcome. God calls us overcomers. Blessed are those overcomers, correct? We must honor His anointing that comes through this grace. The anointing, the empowerment, the Holy Ghost, the presence of Almighty God, and the grace of God is going to be manifested like never before. Wow. Grace is a propensity for a higher way to manifest in order to guide us into His will and for the Lord's glory to be revealed. Grace is a propensity for a higher way to manifest in order to guide us into His will and for the Lord's glory to be revealed. Grace leans us into and prepares us for the higher way. Grace comes to us in power from the throne to prepare the vessels of honor to lean into and submit to and yield to the higher, "Way," and into that purpose, so we can manifest His will. Everyone of us are called according to His will. "Let Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."

Grace is for running this through Christ, the Author of grace, the Man grace, the Man full of favor and blessing. Hallelujah. It is a propensity for a higher "Way" to manifest. We want God's ways to manifest, become evident, and be tangible or touchable. "For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword." Yes, the tangible presence of God, the knowledge of God, the revelation of Jesus Christ, revealed now today, while it is called today. He guides us into His will, Beloved. It is His grace, the power from on high. His grace and hope working together, as the favor of the Lord surrounds us like a shield. How about that? That is truth. Grace is like oil, fire and wind. Grace is like oil, fire and wind. All produce some form of energy. Grace is oil, fire and wind. It is not weak. It is not weak. It is not weak. It is the power from the throne of God. Grace has been so lessened and cheapened. That is why some come against it and walk away from the Christ, the Anointed One. He said, "There is no hypocrisy in the House of the Lord." You are either in or you are out. That is it. "By grace, I have been saved." You hear it?

Grace is oil, fire and wind. This energy is given to us by the Holy Ghost. Grace is how the Lord imparts His power, His knowledge, His wisdom, His understanding, and brings interpretation to life. In life, now and forevermore, this grace comes and proceeds from the Lord's throne. It imparts His power and His knowledge. We need this. His wisdom and His understanding brings interpretation to life. I love that. Grace brings us the "why," the understanding, and the interpretation that we need in this life. Amen. Great grace is available. It started at our salvation, because we were dead in our sins. We knew not God. We didn't even know the way up. Even our good works would not save us. "Well, I was a good little girl." Yes, but we were all born in sin, until we become born again from above. Right?

This grace is how the Lord is imparting His power. Shifting the way you are thinking about this. *There is* knowledge, wisdom, understanding and interpretation to life now and forevermore. So, this is going to carry over into forever. It is going to carry over into forever. This is the Kingdom of Heaven. It doesn't just stop after you leave the Earth, right? No, we just stepped into the more of an eternal covenant with the living God, forever and ever and ever. Amen, hallelujah. This is good news. How shallow would it be if it was just in this lifetime and then that was the end. How good of God who said, "No, I want you forever and ever with Me." We can take Him at His word. We believe that, yes, hallelujah. He does give great grace, unmerited favor. We are so thankful.

I just want to read this little account, not the whole chapter, but it is all so good. The Lord has poured out His Holy Ghost upon the Church, and they are doing the deal. Then they hit the healing zone and the miraculous zone, and the enemy came in like a flood to take them out.

Acts 4:29-36 NKJV

What courage, what strength, what grace and peace has been multiplied to us. What grace and peace was multiplied here as they stood fast in the Lord's command, as faithful inheritors of the covenant of Jesus, to go out. They were in the standard of righteousness, bringing His rule and authority. Healing, saving, delivering and preaching this gospel. Proclaiming that Jesus is Messiah, the Christ. In the place of opposition and kickback and threats and judgments, great grace abounded all the more. Boldness was something that they were very familiar with, but they knew it was not their own. Anyone can be bold in their flesh, right? But, this is the boldness that comes from the throne of grace. "Oh, my God, my God, my God." Grace upon grace, favor upon favor, blessing upon blessing, that overtakes those who are His to accomplish His will. Amen. "Great grace was upon them all." He did not leave anyone out. You want me to read it again? I wonder what the Greek says. "Great grace was upon them all. Great grace was upon them all." Say, "Great grace is upon me." That is it. He gives us boldness. Grace and hope work as one to accomplish the Father's will in our lives. That is truth. Grace and hope work together to accomplish the Father's will in our life.

Romans 5:1-5 NKJV

My goodness, there it is. The ability to function in life by the power of the Holy Ghost and His anointing to overcome. It is beautiful. Grace and hope working together. We have to honor this anointing. When you know, "Oh, it was just the grace of God that got me through," there is that praise and honor to the anointing of grace, to the ministry of the anointing of grace. That has given us hope, because we persevere and we overcome. For such, Jesus Christ has so well demonstrated this for us. "My God, He is perfect in all His ways." He demonstrated this for us perfectly. He fulfilled all of these words. He wrote this, amen.

II Thessalonians 2:16-17 ESV

"Now may our Lord, Jesus Christ, Himself and God, our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word."

Beloved, do you understand how much anointing is on these words of God? Do you understand how much power is in God's word? These are testimonies of Jesus Christ. These are living breathing letters, written on the hearts of men, who have overcome and bear witness to the Great Comforter Himself. They are living breathing testimonies, and they point back. "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself." Of course, it is Himself, but, do you get this? We are talking about Jesus Christ, the One, Himself, and our God, our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort. We have eternal comfort. Some say it is eternal security. I like comfort better, right? The Comforter secures, seals and keeps all by the power of God. He gave us "eternal comfort and good hope through grace." Good hope through grace.

"Good hope through grace, comforts your hearts." May this One comfort your heart. If you just meditate on all those titles and all those words, you will find comfort. "Establish us in every good work and word." Establish us, Lord, establish your Church in every good work where the grace of God is going to flow through us. The comfort of God is going to flow through us. The majesty of God is going to flow, because we are reflecting Him, and we have work to do. Yes, we have set our hands to the plow. We are not going back. We are not quitting. There is no hypocrisy in the House of the Lord. We are full of faith and grace and mercy going onward and upward into the House of the Kingdom of Heaven. He is strengthening our faith. Scripture says here, "the graces of the heirs of grace." These are the graces of those that inherit grace. Here is your reward. "Grace upon grace, favor upon favor, blessing upon blessing, and the blessing of the Lord maketh one rich. He adds no sorrow to it." Truth, right? That is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Titus 3:1-8 NKJV

Who writes this stuff? God, the Word of God is inspired. God wrote this, amen. So when the kindness and the love of God, of our Savior towards men appeared, not according to anything we could have done, because “our righteousness was as filthy rags,” there is no way we could inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. But, because Jesus came, and He appeared, according to the mercy of God, He saved us. Oh, my Lord, the mercy is very, very, very powerful. Mercy is very, very, very powerful. Yes, “Blessed are the merciful.” According to His mercy, “He saved us through the washing of regeneration.” This is being “born again and the renewing of the Holy Spirit.” Oh, Holy Spirit, He only renews. The Holy Spirit can only bring life. He is always working for good in us. He is always empowering us through the grace of God every day. He poured this out abundantly upon us. I love that. He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior. He poured out on us this grace abundantly upon us. He poured out the grace abundantly upon us. He poured it out abundantly, abundantly. There is no lack. God does not lack. “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.” I shall not lack. He is such a perfect Shepherd. It is abundant grace every single day, even when you are going through the fire. It is abundant grace and mercy available every single day. We are being renewed and being transformed by Holy Ghost. He is abundantly pardoning our sin. He is abundantly favoring us. He is abundantly for us. He is abundantly changing us from glory to glory. He is abundantly over and about and above and beyond anything we can hope, think or imagine. Truth!

Verse seven, “having been justified by His grace.” He says, “Justified,” forgiven, made whole. Right? “I pardoned your sins.” Yes, perfect law, perfect judgment. My God, because of Him, we are justified by His grace, so that “we could become heirs.” So, “we could become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” We only believe there is eternal life, because the Word says it. Otherwise, we would not know anything about it. It is all about life and the day to day, right? But, because of the gospel, we learned, right? We learned quick about eternal life. That those who believe will be saved, and live with Him in everlasting life. But, those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, will be condemned into eternal hell fire.

All of a sudden, we say, “You mean there is more to life than this? There is something called eternity? Oh Lord, and that is what draws the hearts to the grace of God and the mercy God, that all should be saved.” That is how we got here. But, it did not stop there. The grace of God is not weak. The grace of God is powerful, yes? Pouring out towards us to give us hope of eternal life. Every now and then, the Holy Ghost will just minister to you a little bit and show you of things to come. Okay, He will tell you of things to come. When you get a glimpse of glory, rejoice. Rejoice and give Him all glory, honor, and praise when you get out of your bed. After five days with Him, you are so wasted, because you peered into the glory of Christ, amen.

Verse eight, “This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly.” I love this. “This is a faithful saying, these things I want you to affirm constantly.” That is lifestyle. “That those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These are good and profitable to men.”

These things are good and profitable to men. He knows where we are seated. He says, “Just occupy until I come. Go about doing good.” Jesus Christ, anointed with the Holy Ghost and fire, “went around doing good, healing all, and delivering all oppressed by the devil.” That is what we are called to do, because He lives in us. We are appointed to good works. We are appointed to good works. We are appointed to good works. Good works will not save you. That is where self righteousness is. We came out of that and into the gospel. Loving Christ and thanking Him for the grace and mercy that has come to us, that we can have eternal life, and then go do the work of the Master. That is something else, beautiful hope. He is so good to us.

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1 Peter 1:13-21 NKJV

“Gird up the loins of your mind,” renew your mind. Focus and think on this. Change the way you are thinking. Repent.

Praise the Lord. May we rest our hope fully upon this grace. When we see Him, we will be like Him. Yes, the favor and grace of God, and the power of Almighty God. Do not ever see grace and hope as powerless. Don't ever be prideful about the favor God showed us. But know in Whom and from Whom this grace and mercy has come, as we do His works. We give Him highest praise. There is nothing that our God cannot do, amen.

Let's stand and seal this word today. My God, it has been a good, glorious morning in the House of the Lord.

“Oh God, you are our God and earnestly we seek you. We desire you, Lord. We receive your exhortation. We receive your healings and your miracles. We receive your signs and your wonders. We receive the written word and the spoken word. We receive how you minister to us, dance over us, and dance with us. We thank you that you truly are rejoicing over all of your works. We thank you that you have chosen to rejoice over us. Thank you for the throne of grace in which we can boldly come. Thank you for the abundant blessings and the abundant favor and that grace day by day, morning by morning. We cannot depend and trust upon our own flesh. We look into the eyes of the One who has done it for us. We vow to give you all the glory, honor and praise, Lord, all the days of our life. Be glorified in your Church, Lord. Be glorified where we send and take our feet. Be glorified today as your Word goes forth. Bless us and keep us, God. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.