Doc: Grace, Part 25. Dying Grace; The Best Part Of The Believer's Life With God.

07/27/97 Psa 116:15; Isa 57:1; Phi 1:20-21; 2Ti 4:1-13

Summary

The discussion focused on the eighth point in the doctrine of grace, specifically "dying grace." McLaughlin explained that dying grace is the mature believer's experience of physical death under the provision of grace, leading to happiness and fantastic blessings. Key points included the inevitability of death for believers except the rapture generation, the importance of understanding death as a non-horrible experience, and the role of doctrine in preparing for death. McLaughlin emphasized that dying grace removes fear of death and provides maximum soul stimulation, leading to a state of supreme happiness.

• Introduction to the Doctrine of Grace 0:05

- o Speaker 2 asks the congregation to turn to Psalm 116.
- McLaughlin explains that they are covering the eighth point in the doctrine of grace.
- o Points one through seven have been previously discussed, including pre-salvation grace, post-salvation grace, and logistical grace.
- o The current point, dying grace, is introduced as the eighth point.

• Understanding Dying Grace 2:35

- McLaughlin emphasizes that dying grace is inevitable for all believers except the rapture generation.
- o Death can occur in various ways, including painfully or suddenly, but God never designed it to be a horrible experience for believers.
- Psalm 116:15 is cited: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his godly ones."
- The Hebrew word for "godly" is explained as meaning "faithful, holy, gracious, or mature."

• God's Plan for the Believer's Death 4:50

- McLaughlin asserts that death is not a horrible experience but a wonderful one for believers.
- o The believer's death experience reveals that Jesus has won the victory over death.
- o Hebrews 2:15 is cited: "For by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."
- The believer's death is described as the best part of their life, not the worst.

• The Role of Doctrine in Dying Grace 15:43

- o McLaughlin explains that the believer's understanding of doctrine is crucial for experiencing dying grace.
- o Only mature believers who perceive, metabolize, and apply doctrine can experience the blessings of dying grace.
- o God decides the time and manner of death for each believer.

o The believer's attitude towards death is a reflection of their spiritual growth and understanding of doctrine.

• The Believer's Attitude Towards Death <u>15:58</u>

- McLaughlin discusses how the believer's attitude towards death demonstrates their capacity for life.
- o The believer's actions in dying should be similar to their actions in living.
- o Dying grace is described as the mature believer's experience of physical death under the provision of grace and conditions of happiness and fantastic blessing.
- The believer's body experiences dying, not their soul or human spirit.

• The Apostle Paul's Dying Grace 23:58

- McLaughlin references Philippians 1:20-21, where Paul expresses his confidence in Christ whether living or dying.
- o Paul viewed dying as gain because it meant being face to face with the Lord.
- o The believer's attitude towards death should be one of anticipation and joy, not fear.
- Dying grace is the ultimate departure from this life, accompanied by maximum soul stimulation and supreme happiness.

• The Importance of Doctrine in Dying Grace 36:34

- McLaughlin explains that doctrine in the believer's soul is crucial for experiencing dying grace.
- o The believer's positive volitional decisions to doctrine on a daily basis prepare them for dying grace.
- o God uses the doctrine that the believer has learned to bring confidence and tranquility during dying.
- Dying grace removes any fear of death and provides the believer with additional blessings.

• The Believer's Final Moments 41:20

- o McLaughlin references 2 Timothy 4:1-8, where Paul expresses his readiness for death.
- o Paul's dying words emphasize the importance of preaching the Word and enduring hardship.
- o Paul's attitude towards death was one of satisfaction and freedom from regrets.
- o The believer's final moments should be characterized by a deep satisfaction and a lack of bitterness.

• The Practical Application of Dying Grace 52:51

- McLaughlin emphasizes that the believer's attitude towards death should be one of anticipation and joy.
- The believer should not fear death but should thank God for the blessings of dying grace.
- o The believer's actions in dying should be similar to their actions in living.
- o Dying grace is a privilege and blessing from God, and the believer should prepare for it with faith and confidence.

• Conclusion and Call to Action 54:00

 McLaughlin concludes by encouraging the congregation to believe in the blessings of dying grace.

- The believer should trust in God's character and judgment in determining the time and manner of their death.
- The congregation is encouraged to support the ministry's needs, including the tape ministry and internet outreach.
- o The service ends with a call to worship and an offering for the ministry's needs.