

L2 | The Grace of The Lord Jesus Christ | 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

I. Intro/Review:

- Justice and judgment are the habitation of His throne, but His throne is a throne of grace
 - How do each of those exist? The Lord Jesus Christ.
- Grace is the dispensing of God's goodness in creation and redemption.
 - "**charis**" - that which God bestows freely (apostleship, gifts, gift, comfort, salvation, justification, eternal life, help in time of need, the work of charity, sufficiency in all things, strength, revelation, suffering, the companion in singing and our speech, hope)
 - "**charisma**" - gifts
 - **2 Tim. 1:9** - "who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"
 - His alone, He owns it, always has been gracious
- **The God of All Grace (1 Peter 5:10)**
 - Manifold Grace
 - Riches of God's Grace
 - Abounding, Abundant, Abundance

 - Supply of Grace - measureless, bountiful
 - Sufficiency of His Grace - meet for God's purposes, power
- **The God Who Gives**
 - Inherently selfless, coincides with His love
 - Ps. 84:11
- **The Grace of Life (1 Peter 3:7)**
 - That which God bestows as Creator to His creatures, especially man
 - That which God first gives - breathe of life (living soul)

II. Preview:

- The Grace of The Lord Jesus Christ
 - Creation, and
 - Redemption

III. Sermon:

The Grace of The Lord Jesus Christ

- It is hard to decipher, at times, between the grace of God and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is distinction in mode, but there is unity, communion, and fellowship regarding riches.

- **2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**
- Thus all is "of God, through God, and to God" "in and for God", but "by, through, for, and in Christ"
 - **Romans 11:36**
 - **1 Corinthians 8:6**
- **Epistles**
 - **Common introduction** - "grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."
 - **Common conclusion** - "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." or "Grace be with you."
 - **Romans 16:20** - "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."
 - **Romans 16:24** - "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."
 - **1 Corinthians 16:23** - "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."
 - **2 Corinthians 13:14** - "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all."
 - **Galatians 6:18** - "Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen."
 - **Philippians 4:23** - "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:28** - "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."
 - **2 Thessalonians 3:18** - "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."
 - **Philemon 1:25** - "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen."
- Christ is the breathe of God, (the word of grace) the instrumental body (Col. 2:9), that is the Son of God, whom such grace is dispensed in creation and redemption. (Hebrews 1:1-4)

Creation - "living soul"

- **John 1:1-5** - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."
- **Colossians 1:13-20** - "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or

dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."

- Before we deal with and introduce the grace of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ in redemption I want to examine a couple verses that discuss how such grace is revealed, that is, "the word of grace".
 - **Acts 13:43** - "Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God."
 - **Acts 13:38-39** - "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."
 - **Acts 14:3** - "Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of His grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands."
 - **Acts 20:32** - "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Redemption - "quickenning spirit"

- **John 1:17** - "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."
 - **Romans 5:15** - "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift of grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."
 - **Romans 5:20-21** - "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."
- **2 Corinthians 8:9** - "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."
- **1 Timothy 1:14** - "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."
- **Romans 3:24** - "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is

in Christ Jesus:"

- Sin & Death
 - **Hebrews 2:9** - "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man."
 - Did not man "taste" death before Christ tasted it? How then does Christ "taste" death for every man?
 - Not an issue of timing, but which "death" you speak of.
 - **Ephesians 1:7** - "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;"
 - God reveals to us the riches of His grace not in creation, but in redemption - of which we are blessed with when we become redeemed.

IV. Conclusion: