

# L21: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15: Abundant & Abounding Grace Pt. 4

## Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Gospel Grace Giving
- Expediency
  - Willing Mind
  - Performance - the doing thereof
- The Proof of Love
- Churches of Macedonia
- Bounty & Liberality in contrast to Covetousness, Grudgingly or Necessity
- Sow carnal things - reap spiritual things
  - Romans 15:27
  - 1 Corinthians 9:11

## Sermon Preview:

- Purpose in Heart
  - Grudgingly
  - Of Necessity
- All Grace Abound Having All Sufficiency in All Things Abound to Every Good Work

## Sermon:

**(8) And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:**

- **"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you;"**
  - **"God is able"** - has the sufficient power
    - 2 Corinthians 3
  - **"to make all grace abound toward you;"**
    - **"all grace"** - in Christ
    - **"abound"** - To have or possess in great quantity
      - Romans 5
      - Romans 12:3ff
- **"that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things"**

- **"that ye"** - purpose for God making all grace abound toward them
- **"always having all sufficiency in all things"**
  - 2 Corinthians 3:3ff - new testament "spiritual things"
  - **"always having"** - by God's abundant grace we have sufficiency in all things
    - Perpetual provision
  - **"all sufficiency"** - Qualification for any purpose; Competence; adequate substance or means
  - **"in all things"** - we have abundant and abounding grace that provides us the necessary means for God's purposes
- **"may abound to every good work:"**
  - The final step - this abundant and abounding grace is toward us; the description and purpose of it is to provide us sufficiency in God's sight to fulfill His purposes "in all things"; culminating in our active participation of its exercise to work in life and abound to every good work
  - Romans 8:28; 1 Cor. 13; 2 Cor. 3; Eph. 4; 2 Tim. 3:16; Titus 2 & 3

**(9) (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.**

**(10) Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)**

- Psalm 112:1-10
  - Psalm about wealth and riches spiritually that will endure forever
  - Romans 6:22 - "fruit unto holiness"
  - **"He hath dispersed abroad"** - to distribute
    - He sows
  - **"given to the poor"** - the root is much more than just giving money to the poor although it includes that
    - The nature of how he sows
    - Gospel, grace thinking, giving
    - Romans 12:3 - Php. 2

- James 2; 1 Peter 1
- **"his righteousness remaineth for ever."**
  - He reaps
- **"Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food"**
  - The seed minister and the sower both minister: (2 Cor. 6:1)
    - **"bread for your food"**
      - No seed, no sowing, no personal food
      - the glory goes to the seed giver, as well as, the sower
    - **"and multiply your seed sown"**
      - No seed, no sowing, no personal food, no multiplication
      - It benefits multiple people - bread for not just you, but others
      - there is a multiplication in sowing and reaping that is part and parcel of the joy
    - **"and increase the fruits of your righteousness;"**
      - Increase is beyond that of multiplication of others benefitting, but rather the replication of the process
        - Provoked others
      - No seed, no sowing, no personal food, no multiplication, no increase of fruits of your righteousness
    - Matthew 25:14ff

**(11) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.**

- **"Being enriched in every thing"**
  - 1 Cor. 1:5
    - 1 Cor. 4:8 - 2 Cor. 6:10
  - 2 Cor. 8:1-2 (now understand a bit differently)
    - God's grace working in them abounded to liberality, but beyond that, the riches of their liberality.

- They give now and in the process are getting rich, not simply because this righteousness remains forever, but because they are being changed into the image of Christ.

- **"to all bountifulness" -**

- Statement of fact that the Corinthians were enriched in every thing to all bountifulness - this is how God has given and this bounty is working in the Corinthians all bountifulness which would include them participating in this "grace also".

- **"which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."**

- Gratitude and thanksgiving

**(12) For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;**

- **"for the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints"**

- The main purpose, but there is a multiplication of the seed

- **"but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God!"**

- Expression of gratitude; an acknowledgment made to express a sense of favor or kindness received.

- Other not thankful - Matthew 25 parable

**(13) Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;**

- **"while by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God"**

- Thanksgivings glorify God - 1 The. 5:18

- **"for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ"**

- Professing godliness (1 Tim. 2; 6:11-12)

- **"and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;"**

- Abundant and abounding grace
- Multiply

**(14) And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.**

**(15) Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.**

- **"And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you."**
  - Done in the way and manner discussed is the grace of God in you
  - Increase the fruits of righteousness
- **"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."**
  - Not expounded in full

**Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**