

A Grace Encounter Part 3

Acts 3

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer —at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 4:32

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.
(And great grace was upon them all. NKJV)

In the OT the link with **Grace - Favor**

During Jesus Ministry **Grace - Truth**

In the NT **Grace - Power**

Grace: good will, loving-kindness, favor.

“of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the practice of Christian virtues.”

What's so Amazing about Grace? It Goes to those who Don't Deserve It

Vs. 6

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you.

Before we look at the lame man at the gate, let's first consider Peter...

Just a little more than month ago Peter messed up bad...

Peter was the one who denied Jesus 3 times and denied his faith in him...

Peter was restored by Jesus after the Resurrection...

Peter received the Power of the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost...

Now here he is being used by God to witness a miracle at the Temple in Jerusalem...

Grace moves on those who Don't Deserve it

- The Grace of God touched Peter's Life, now he gets to give it away...
- Freely he received and freely he can give...
- Peter didn't have any money, he had something much greater...

What's So Amazing about Grace? It Goes to those who Never Saw it Coming

Vs. 2,5

2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg...

5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

I love that it says "This man was expecting"

But the truth is he was expecting something else, **the usual...**

Never in his wildest dreams did he think it would be an encounter with the Power of God...

But that Day he got what he Never Saw Coming...

John 6

28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

The work of God is this, believe

Grace and Power travel together...

What's So Amazing about Grace? It cannot be bought...

Acts 8

5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there.

6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city.

18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. 23 For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

24 Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

- Simon tried to buy it and was rebuked by Peter
- The Grace of God is the Gift of God
- The Grace and Power of the Holy Spirit cannot be bought or manipulated.
- Grace and Power are the gears and oil of the New Testament.
- Without Grace and Power there would be no New Testament as we know it.
- The Transformation and Ministry of Paul was Grace and Power
- Peter
- Doubting Thomas
- John on the isle of Patmos
- The Church under scattered circumstances because of persecution.

Simon had an earning or deserving mindset
 The Grace and Power of God is his crown of sonship

Simon had a Slave Mentality
 Peter had a Son Mentality

The difference between a Son and Slave is one has to earn it the other receives it freely because he is an heir.

Grace Goes to those who Don't Deserve It... Peter
Grace Goes to those who Never Saw it Coming... The Lame Man
Grace cannot be bought... Simon