

### **GRACE DEFINED:**

God's undeserved, unearned favor, love, and mercy freely given to us.

### **THE GOSPEL OF GRACE:**

- **Is a mystery.** Something heretofore hidden but now revealed.
- **Needs revelation and understanding** (Eph. 1:17-18; Gal. 1:11-12).  
Not head knowledge but heart transformation.
- **Is counter-intuitive** ... Kingdom of God is love and grace-based;  
this world is performance-based.
- **In one verse** "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." **Ephesians 2:8-9**

### **GRACE'S SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS (OUTWARD SALVATION) ... IN ONE WORD -- JUSTIFICATION.**

- **Chosen and accepted** – antidote to rejection & condemnation (Eph. 1:4,6).
- **Holy and without blame** (righteous 24/7) ... justified (a legal term meaning acquitted, found righteous, without blame); gift of righteousness leads to reigning in life (Rom. 5:17) and rest and peace with God. (Eph. 1:4)
- **Adopted into God's family**; no longer servants but sons and daughters. Jesus came to reveal the Father. Children inherit; servants do not (Eph. 1:11, Gal. 4:6-7) ... "heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ" (Rom. 8:16-17).

### **GRACE'S SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS (INWARD SALVATION) ... IN ONE WORD -- REGENERATION.**

- "Out of your heart will flow rivers of living water" (Jn. 7:37-39).
- "But God ... made us alive together with Christ" (Eph. 2:4-6).
- "... strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; ... that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Eph. 3:16-17).

### **PARABLE OF THE TWO POTS: "ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE" (EPHESIANS. 3:17-19).**

**The life of the tree depends on the life of the soil. The Parable of the Growing Seed** (Mk. 4:26-29) tells us, "The earth yields crops by itself." When the soil is love the fruit is love, joy, peace ... (Gal. 5:22-23), holiness and sanctification (Rom. 6:23), soul winning (Rom. 1:13), generosity (Rom. 15:27-27), righteousness (Phil. 1:9-11), good works (Col. 1:10), praise (Heb. 13:15). Contaminated soil results in contaminated fruit.

**SUMMARY: A personal revelation of the love of God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) as seen in the gospel of grace is the foundation of every good thing in the Christian.**

**For a deeper study on grace, see Pastor's Gary's books:**

*Paul's Gospel ... The Missing Foundation to Christian Discipleship.*

This book is devoted to bringing a personal revelation of the glorious gospel of grace.

*Stolen Identity ... Christian, Who Are You?*

This book develops more fully the identity of Sonship and the importance of your personal identity.

*Healing Right Now! ... Your On-Ramp to an Effective Ministry of Healing.*

Three chapters in this book relate directly to today's message ...

- Chapter one, "Amazing Grace," is a one-chapter summary of Paul's Gospel.
- Chapter four, "God's True Nature" is foundational in understanding the gospel of grace.
- Chapter five, "Personal Identity" is a one-chapter summary of Stolen Identity.

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