

AMAZING GRACE

“CHILDREN OF LIGHT” SERIES || PART 2 OF 3

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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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