Prayer Study #122

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

LOVE AND GRACE

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; <u>for</u>

God is love. 1st John 4:7-8

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. Romans 16:20

1st Corinthians 13 says these things will pass away:

- 1. Prophecies
- 2. Tongues-both tongues of men in known languages & tongues of angels which are unknown languages
- 3. Knowledge (This does not mean that you will not know anything anymore for Paul goes on to say that we shall know even as also we are known. This knowledge that will pass away is fragmentary or incomplete knowledge. As the Phillips Translation puts it, "At present all I know is a little fraction of the truth, but the time will come when I shall know it as fully as God now knows me.)
- 4. Childish things

1st Corinthians 13 says these things will remain:

- 1. Faith
- 2. Hope
- 3. Love

I BELIEVE The Greatest Needs of This Generation ARE:

- 1. To know and understand how much God loves you
- 2. To know and understand the fear and the holiness of God, but also His grace
- 3. To be under God ordained authority
- 4. To know the Word so as not to walk in deception

GRACE

According to Tyndale's *New Bible Dictionary*, Grace involves forgiveness, salvation, regeneration, repentance and the love of God. Old Testament "grace words" include steadfast love, loyalty, mercy, kindness, loving kindness, and goodness. Grace is a word often found in the Old Testament in association with the word "covenant' denotes the faithfulness and commitment both parties , who "cut the covenant", should observe.

In John 1:17 we learn that the law is the antithesis of grace, and in Titus 2:11 we are told that grace came into the world through Christ. This does not mean that grace did not exist beforehand, but grace became not just associated with Israel and the patriarchs but with individual believers.

Paul greatly emphasized grace in his ministry. He added grace to the traditional greeting of peace that Jews gave one to another. His sense of grace is unmerited favor where Man is a sinner but by grace is justified by faith. Thus, the righteous Lord treats sinful Man as if he had never sinned.

The wonderful Bible translator Moffatt said of grace, [the religion of the Bible] "is a religion of grace or it is nothing...no grace, no gospel."

How to Obtain Grace

- 1. Walk in Obedience or His Way: Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people. Exodus 33:13
- 2. **Be Humble:** Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble. Proverbs 3:34
- 3. **Preach the Resurrection:** And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.
- 4. Recognize that you are not under the law: For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14
- 5. Show grace to others and let roots of bitterness go: ...looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled. Hebrews 12:15
- 6. **Don't rape His grace:** For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 1:4

Blessings of Grace

- 1. **The Remnant Company:** And now for a little while grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage. Ezra 9:8
- 2. **Anointed Preaching:** You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.

- 3. **Rest in the wilderness:** Thus says the LORD: "The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness-Israel, when I went to give him rest."
- 4. You become spiritually rich: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 2nd Corinthians 8:9
- 5. You become strong in your weaknesses: And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2nd Corinthians 12:9
- 6. You become accepted in the Beloved: ...to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:6
- 7. You are saved: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8
- 8. You are redeemed and forgiven: In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7
- 9. You are called to the ministry: ...who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. 2nd Timothy 1:9
- 10. You find help and mercy in time of need: Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16
- 11. **You walk in Thanksgiving:** For all things are for your sakes, that grace, though spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. 2nd Corinthians 4:15

OTHER SCRIPTURES DEALING WITH GRACE

1. **Zechariah 12:10:** And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

- 2. **John 1:14:** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 3. **John 1:17:** For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- 4. Acts 20:24: But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.
- 5. Romans 5:20-21: Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 6. Romans 6:14-15: For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under the law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace. Certainly not!
- 7. **Hebrews 10:29:** Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?
- 8. **Hebrews 12:28:** Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.
- 9. **James 4:6:** But He gives grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
- 10.1st Peter 5:10: But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.
- 11. Revelation 22:21: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
- 12.2nd Corinthians 13:14: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.