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For by GRACE are ye saved THROUGH FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

SUBJECT – WHAT IS GRACE???

The message for this month, has to do with what I would say is the most misunderstood attribute about God's plan for our salvation.

And, because of it, many saints are missing the blessings that God has for His saints. And, it is highly possible, that they will miss out on the greatest Blessing of all, 'Eternal Life!'

Imagine that for a moment. Here you are, having accepted Christ as your Savior, living your life as any Christian should be living, and yet, you don't seem to be reaping the benefits of being a child of God, in this life. Then to top that off, you depart this life, and miss Heaven as well.

Could something like this really happen??

Well, let's see what God has to say about it. Notice, I said God, and not me, your pastor, bishop, your denomination, family and friends, but God!

First, Grace, as it is defined in the Word of God, is 'God's unmerited favor towards mankind.' All of mankind!!

This part of it, man has nailed it on the head!!

What it means is, God has, on His own accord, decided to give all of us one more chance to make it back in to His 'Good Graces', by setting up a plan of instruction for us to live by.

That plan, that was put together before He even created man, was for His Son, Jesus Christ, to follow the dictates of it, in order for it to be implemented.

While we, after the Church was established, are the beneficiaries of that plan, it was not the case for those that lived and died before it.

Before the Church age was established, the conditions under which the people lived, were a lot more perilous.

Back then, God's reaction to those that

sinned against Him, was usually to punish them, almost immediately.

His Laws and Statutes, left little 'wiggle room' to go against, without some type of action being warranted from Him, almost immediately, depending on the circumstance.

These laws extended to everyone, especially those that were His messengers, including the priests.

Being who He was, and is, He destroyed the enemies of His people. But, He was just as quick to make an example of His own people, including the priests, if need be.

One example is, if the priests did not follow the strict statutes of how to approach Him, in what was called the 'Holy of Holies', they were struck dead immediately. They had to go in there, 'sinless' [according to the Law back then].

Part of the statute concerning going in there, was that they tie a rope around themselves, that was long enough to extend outside of it, so that if they were struck down, the priests outside, could pull him out. If they went in to get him, they would be killed as well.

That was how God responded to the disobedience of His priests back then. They were required to be 'perfect' back then, just like they are required to be today.

However, in this day of Grace, He has updated, and not 'changed' how He responds to our disobedience, both in ministry and in the Church and nation.

He didn't have to do any of this, as I mentioned earlier, because there was absolutely nothing that we could have done in our sinful state, to be worthy to even approach Him, let alone, ask Him for anything, especially forgiveness.

That is why it is called His unmerited favor. It is a gift. It is something you can't earn, as **verse 9, after the subject text states.**

So, just how does all of this play in to our lives today??

It boils down to the idea that most people think that 'Grace', being something that you can't work for, means that it is automatic.

People believe that they do not have to live by rules, because that constitutes 'work'. And since you can't earn God's Grace, then, you don't have to live by His commandments and statutes.

Big Mistake!!!

Hence, this is why we have the problems that we have today. Including the danger of missing Heaven.

You see, as I mentioned earlier, God extended His 'Grace' to us. That Grace was to give us another chance to be what He requires us to be, if we want all of what He has in store for those of us that are His Children. And that is **Perfect/Holy!!!**

As both Jesus, and God say,

Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Lev 11:45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Both of these scriptures, and there are others that say the same thing, are not suggestions. **They are commands!!**

This, as I said earlier, is why there is a misinterpretation of what God means/says, and what most of mankind thinks it means.

However, man's interpretation, will get you eternal damnation, when the time comes. And in this life, you will not be seeing many of His Blessings, other than the ones He extends to

mankind in general, like food and clothing, and maybe a place to live. That's about it!!

You see, as the subject scripture tells us, '**we are saved by Grace, through faith!!**'

Now that part of the scripture, lets us know that we have to be doing something, in order to be the recipients of His Grace.

It's like me handing you a \$100.00 bill, for which you have done absolutely nothing to earn it. However, until you actually reach out and grab hold of it, it will stay in my hand. When you reach out, then you have done something to receive it. Right??

Well, in like manner, God's Grace, is being offered to you, and, until you reach out by 'faith', to receive it, you are essentially, rejecting it!!

So how do you, by faith, receive Grace, through faith?? You do that by being obedient to Him.

And that my friend, is where the problem comes in.

Most of us tend to believe that being obedient to Him, constitutes us having to work for it, and they don't want to do it.

A lot of those that call themselves Christians, are calling themselves that, while at the same time living lives that are in total rebellion to what God/Christ says needs to be the case.

We are told to be Holy, and Perfect [without sin]. Yet, they are engaging in the types of things that will cause them to end up in hell when they die, irrespective of what they claim to be.

Now, here is where God's Grace comes in.

Instead of just striking them down, like He did in the old testament times, He sends us people, and provides other means, to tell us what we are doing wrong, and what we need to do to correct the situation.

Look at it like this.

If you are looking for a job, and get hired by a company that you applied at, that company, for the most part, hired you without you having to do anything but ask for a job. **Their hiring you, was an example of their grace towards you.**

Now, once you get hired, there are certain things you were hired to do. And, if you want to keep that job, you will have to do what is required of you. Otherwise, you won't be on that job very long, will you?

You can't go in there and just sit back and

do nothing, unless that is what the job is, and engage in behaviour that is counter productive to the company, and remain employed.

Well, the same thing goes with what you do, as being a Child of God.

As His Child, you are required to be the 'spitting image', of what God/Christ is like. **You are to love God, and hate evil!!**

Jesus put it like this, **Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**

If you are not going to follow the directions of God/Christ, that means you are not putting your faith in them. And as a result, no Grace, other than that, that is extended to mankind in general, is extended to you.'

You would be surprised at how many people, including most Christians, just don't get it. They think that Grace, is to be a sort of 'get out of jail/sin free' condition, that affords them the opportunity to live any way they feel like living, especially after having gotten 'saved', and, without making any effort or acknowledgment of wrongdoing, they are automatically washed clean.

We are presented with a condition like this in the Bible, when the apostle Paul, penned these words, **Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?**

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

When you get saved, you are essentially taking on a whole new position in the spiritual realm [Kingdom of God], in which there are only 2 choices. And notice, I said choices. They are Godliness, or ungodliness.

It ticks me off, when I hear supposedly saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, baptized in Jesus' Name, people, talking about how, because we are under Grace, that it makes no difference how they live their lives, that they, without having to 'repent', are somehow still saved and on their way to Heaven.

One would have to ask, what spirit is it that these people are actually being led by??

I can't see anyone being led by the Spirit of God, making some of the absolutely bone-head choices that these people make, when it comes to what is acceptable, when it comes to the Church.

We have pastors, choir members, deacons, bishops, and others, that are living lives totally out of line with what Christ has said they should be living.

How can anyone convince a 'sinner', that they need to take advantage of God's Grace, get saved, and separate themselves from the lifestyle they are living, if, once they get in the Church, the leadership is still acting like it is okay??

That is why this nation is in the mess it is in today!!

When politicians of this nation, top to bottom, go in to a church, and can get support for things that are an affront to God, what do think that says about God??

I'm thinking about things like killing God's babies in the wombs of their mothers. Supporting the LGBTQ+ agenda. Not to forget things like shacking up, adultery, liars and all the other 'works of the flesh',[**Gal. 5:19-5:21**] that we are told to abandon. Yet Church leadership, especially in the black community, in most cases, have thrown that condition, out the window. **And for what?? Money!!**

Is it any wonder that God says, **2Chr 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

Notice who He said had to do the Right thing. It wasn't the ungodly, but the Church!!

The other thing is this. When talking about 'land', that also talks about your personal body.

Your body/flesh, is where you/your spirit, lives. That is your personal residence. So, if you are sick in your body, then your land needs to be healed.

Well, that is another reason for the above scripture. A lot of Christians are suffering needlessly, because they are misinterpreting God's Grace, and thinking that He will heal them, in His own time. When in reality, He will heal them, when they get their lives together.

That means they have to do something, first!

So, as I said, God's Grace is extended to everyone. But, it is not meant to give people license to continue living in sin, or supporting it. The consequences of doing so, is hell!! And who wants that???



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WHEN IT COMES TO VOTING, BLACK CHRISTIANS NEED KNOW WHO, AND WHAT THEY REALLY ARE!!!

This past election cycle, which saw Donald J. Trump, ascend, once again to the presidency of this country, has brought about an outcry of 'Racism, Fascism, collusion with Russia, and a whole lot of other things', that purportedly are meant to highlight the point that he only won because of under-handed tactics, and by the support of 'racist' white America. In the case of any black person that voted for him, they were labeled as 'fools, sellouts, coons, runaway slaves and a host of other derogatory names.'

And just who is it that most of this anger is coming from??? Black preachers, and the black community in general. But, and here is where I have a BIG PROBLEM, with these people. They fully expect that all African-Americans, should stick together, to combat, what they see as a coordinated plan, to keep blacks in their place, by 'racist' white America.

Now at one time, before I got saved, I used to listen to that nonsense, and walked in total agreement with it. That is, until Christ came in to my life, and the Holy Spirit showed me something that, once I looked at it from the perspective of **my 'new identity'**, I quickly changed my way of thinking, and the identity of being an African American.

Let me explain what God showed me. The term, African American, serves to identify a person according to what that person deems to be the primary focus of their loyalty. That being, in their minds, they have adopted the idea that, even though they are Americans, that takes second place to them being Africans, first!!! In essence their allegiance is to Africa first, then America second. The name they put first, carries the most influence on how they respond to certain situations that affect them.

It's just like a person's natural name. John Smith, for instance, has a name that separates him from all the other Smiths in the country. As a result, he, or anyone else with his name, are a part of a specific group of Smiths. Now, if you want to narrow the number of Smiths even further, you would possibly put a title in front of the name John, like Dr., Rev., Professor, Gen., or something like that. What this does is distinguish this particular John Smith, from the others.

Now my point is this. Using this same analogy, the title that I used to identify with was, as I said, African American. However, now that I am Saved, I have to look at where is my primary identity, and what/who, has primary influence on my life now. And that is Jesus Christ.

When I accepted Christ as my Lord, one of the first things He says I need to do, is to separate myself from my old way of thinking and doing things. It does no good for me to proclaim Jesus as Lord, if, I am going to keep the title of a lifestyle that I am supposed to have separated myself from. Especially when it was something that opposed Him.

Now here is my point, as far as the results of this election is concerned. Many of people that I hear raising all these protests to the results, claim to be Christians. Mind you now, I am only addressing the black community.

What they are doing, whether they know it or not, is essentially using their identity of being African American, and putting that ahead of what their identity is supposed to reveal, and that is that they are Christians First!! What's the difference?? Well, as Jesus says, **'you can't serve two masters!!'** **'Come out from among them, and be separated from them!!'** **'Why do you call me Lord, and do not the things that I say??'**

What am I saying??? In this political climate, there are 2 sides to consider, Republican, and Democrat. Each of these, are essentially total opposites of each other. What one supports, the other opposes. **Now, you have to take in to consideration, that, neither side, is perfect.** However, in the eyes of God, one party supports just about everything that God deems rebellious against Him. The other party, stands on the side of what is approved of by Him. That means they oppose the agenda of the Democratic party!

The African American community, throws nearly 94 percent of their support behind this party. And the reason they do this is because, all African Americans, should stick together and be in one accord. **The problem is, that even includes doing so, even if God opposes this party's agenda!** They either ignore, or don't know what they are doing. All they know is that they have to stick together. They even label themselves as Democrats.

Now, from my perspective, I am looking at the fact that, even though I reject being associated with this type of foolishness, I still am not going to call myself a Republican. Why?? Because, identifying myself as such, means I am putting myself in the position of being tied to a political party, rather than being tied to Christ!!

This is why I adopted the title of a 'CAB!! A CAB, is a Christian American, who is Black!! What this means is, my primary allegiance is to Jesus Christ!! Following Him, is to this nation that despite what many may say about it, was founded on Christian principles. After that, I put the fact that I am Black!!

Throughout the decades, when talking with others in the black community, Democrats, and discussing the issues that are important to this nation, and to them, whenever I address those issues, in light of the Word of God, the first thing that comes out of their mouths is, **'you sound like those Republicans!!!'** **What does it say about the Republican party, when Democrats accuse you of being a Republican, when you are quoting the Bible/Word of God??**

If you, like me, would look at all what of the Democratic party has done over the past nearly 10 years, to get Trump out of the picture, even with the attempted assassination, and have failed, the only explanation for that failure is, God has His Hand on him, for a reason. He could be using him to bring this nation back from the edge of destruction. Or, He could be using him, as a instrument of His judgment on it. Either way, those that insist on fighting against Trump, are actually fighting against God!

We have gotten to the point where God doing something like that, is a figment of the imagination. But, let me remind you, for at least the past 40 or so years, I have heard preachers say, and have said it myself, America has far surpassed those nations in the old testament, that God destroyed, with the evil that we have done. We are long overdue!! None of those nations, killed babies in the wombs of their mothers. None of those nations took up the practice of changing men in to women, and vice-versa. And they surely didn't do it to their children!!! And yet, the African American community, overlooks all of that, for what?? So that they can make the white man, Republicans, pay!!! They don't care who they offend. Even if it is God Himself!! Then they wonder why it is, that other communities in this nation are prospering, while they remain languishing in their own misery!!

Deuteronomy 28:15-end, is something ALL Christians need to read, because it makes it perfectly clear what happens to those that are on God's list for punishment, in this life. If you want to know about what He has in store for those that He is pleased with, read the first 14 verses.

God isn't playing people!!! You want to know why your kids are being killed in the streets, and dying before your eyes??? It's in there. You want to know why, for every step you take forward, you get knocked 2 steps back?? It's in there!!!

Everyone, black, white, male, female, young, old, it makes no difference, you better stop aligning yourself with a group, and align yourselves with Christ. Or, there is going to be hell to pay!! LITTERALLY!!!