

THE "WHO TOLD YOU?" SERIES

A STUDY IN DISCERNING THE VOICES OF OUR DAY
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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Who Told You About The Grace Of God?

discerning the voices of our day and knowing what to do about what you hear

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Introduction and overview to the series / Luke 4:22

Jesus returning to Nazareth after His wilderness experience

Luke 4:22a

So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at **the gracious words** which proceeded out of His mouth.

Mark 7:37

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Grace of God

Various interpretations exist about God's grace.

They range from a grace that only really works if you work to maintain it. there are others who interpret the word to mean that it's grace so you can do whatever it is you want to and you're good. Others hold to what is known as Free Grace – where what God does is all of grace and that grace is a transforming grace and it is as simple as the meaning is to the word grace.

The word translated "grace" in the New Testament comes from the Greek word *charis*, which means "unmerited favor, underserved blessing, or unwarranted kindness."

God's grace is first seen in Scripture way back in Genesis 3 when, in the Garden of Eden - Rather than destroy Adam and Eve, God willingly, volitionally sacrificed an animal to cover the sin of Adam and Eve. God in His prerogative chose to deliver them. This is the act of grace.

It's been well said that;
**“Grace is God giving the greatest treasure
to the least deserving.”** - *which would be every one of us here today.*

“Who Told You About The Grace Of God ?”

**What Is The Grace of God? Why is the grace of God important?
How is the grace of God experienced ? When is the grace of God at work?**

1.) What is the grace of God?

The grace of God is direct opposite of the law of God yet it doesn't offend the law of God. Because the Author of the one is the author of the other.

They are mutually exclusive, yet equally united.

Grace is the ultimate offer, gift, handout to mankind

God has every right to demand everything from us but He doesn't. What He does do is that He extends to us the free gift of grace which is remember, favor, kindness graciousness.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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What Is The Grace of God?

1a.) It is of His benevolent nature

His grace is an inherent, intrinsic characteristic of His nature.

He cannot be anti-grace or less in grace.

It is God's nature to be benevolent toward the guilty.

Sin prevents us from experiencing the fullness of God's grace.

But once a sinner turns and calls out to Christ for forgiveness, God's abundant grace is made available to the newly born Child of God.

How is His grace “benevolent” – in every way.

James 1:17

Every **good gift** and every **perfect gift** is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

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1b.) It is by His sovereign election

Many have, do and will debate the aspects of the doctrine of election, but none can deny it. it is a biblical doctrine, which is that God elects, determines, knows in advance those who are going to be saved and in heaven.

The Debate is Complicated, while the answer is simple.

How can you know if you are one of the elect of God?

Believe, Believe, Believe on Jesus Christ

John 5:24a

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and **believes** in Him who sent Me has everlasting life,

John 3:18

“He who **believes** in Him is not condemned; but he who **does not believe** is condemned already, because he has not **believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

But How Do We Come To Believe?

We respond to His call

John 6:44a

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me **draws him**;

**“You cannot seek after God
unless you have been sought after by God.”**

- Jack Hibbs

Romans 8:29-30

For whom He ⁽¹⁾ foreknew, He also ⁽²⁾ predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also ⁽³⁾ called; whom He called, these He also ⁽⁴⁾ justified; and whom He justified, these He also ⁽⁵⁾ glorified.

Believing in Christ is the evidence of election.

Acts 13:48

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

The simplicity of the Gospel is a “stumbling block of offense” to human pride and religion.

(selah)

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1c.) It is salvation for all who call upon Him

The theology of salvation in the Bible is that God’s grace initiates a work in the life of an unsaved – by reaching out to a man or woman with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The result is one’s responding to **the call** of salvation by faith alone which - - is all that is necessary to receive eternal life.

This is what the Bible says to that;

Romans 10:13-15

For “**whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.**” :14 How then shall they **call** on Him in whom they have **not believed**? And how shall they **believe in Him** of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? **15** And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

Jesus and the woman at the well

John 4:10

Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew **the gift** of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have **asked Him, and He would have given you living water.**”

This and other passages like it have caused division between the Lordship Salvation Camp and the Free Grace Theologians.

(I am personally a mix of the two)

John 6:47

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **believes** in Me **has** everlasting life.

Ephesians 2:5,8-9

Even when we were dead in trespasses, He made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 8 For **by grace** you have been **saved** through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift** of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

I need you to take a deep breath before we take this dive

John 8:30-45

As He spoke these words, many **believed** in Him. :31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who **believed** Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." :33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?" :34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. :37 "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. 38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father." :39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father - God." :42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not **believed** Me.

Selah

End of Study

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