

AMAZING GRACE **(Titus 2:11)**

I. We learn of the source of grace.

- A. It is the grace of, or belonging to, God.
- B. God is the source of all grace.
 - 1. Paul told the Galatians that he was called by His grace (Galatians 1:15).
 - 2. He wrote to the Ephesians that grace is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8).
- C. It is God that can give grace because it belongs to Him to give in the first place (James 4:6)
- D. Peter told his readers that God is the God of all grace (1 Peter 5:10).
- E. Everything that we know about grace comes from God.
 - 1. He reveals it to man and we would not truly know what grace is without that revealed knowledge.
 - 2. Man learns to be gracious from the example given us by God.
- F. If we have a desire to know and experience grace, we must know the God of all grace and then we can learn of His “manifold grace” as Peter described it (1 Peter 4:10).
- G. If you want grace, you must go to the source of grace (Hebrews 4:16).

II. We learn of the service grace provides.

- A. Grace brings salvation.
- B. Without grace there would be no hope of salvation (Ephesians 2:8).
 - 1. We could have faith all day long but not be saved if grace was not given by God.
 - 2. It is by the “gospel of the grace of God” that we studied about last week that we can be saved.
- C. Our state of life is such that we deserved death.
 - 1. Sin separates.
 - 2. All have sinned, therefore, at some time, all accountable people become separated from God.
- D. God offered His grace to us in order for us to be saved (Acts 15:11).
- E. You and I are not saved through works that we do, but by grace, accompanied with our faithful obedience (2 Timothy 1:9; Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 2:9).

III. We learn of the sending of grace.

- A. Paul told Titus by inspiration that God’s grace that brings salvation has appeared.
- B. We might ask how God’s grace had appeared.
 - 1. In this passage, I believe Paul is directly referring to the person of Jesus.
 - 2. He is the embodiment of God’s grace.
- C. Notice this statement from br. James Coffman: “This is a reference to the Incarnation, the First Advent of the Son of God, whose visitation upon our planet came directly and solely from the grace of God. With his birth at

Bethlehem, it was appropriate to say that salvation had indeed been brought...”

- D. It was He that tasted death for every man by God’s grace (Hebrews 2:9).
- E. It is by Jesus, with the addition of our faith, that we have access to God’s grace (Romans 5:2).
- F. It is because of the sending of Jesus that we can be justified by grace (Romans 3:24).
- G. It is by Jesus that we get to see the riches of God’s grace (Ephesians 1:7).
- H. Without Jesus, there would be no grace.
- I. However, God’s grace would not be known if we did not have His word.
- J. It is through the gospel of grace that we learn about the coming of Jesus and the offering of God’s grace to us.
 - 1. Paul commended the Ephesian elders to God and the “word of His grace” (Acts 20:32).
 - 2. Without God’s word, grace would not be known to us today.
- K. God’s grace was sent to mankind in the person of His Son Jesus and through the word of grace that reveals Jesus to us today.

IV. We learn of the scope of grace.

- A. Grace has appeared from God in the person of Christ and through the gospel in order to bring salvation to all men.
- B. There is not one person to whom grace is not extended.
 - 1. Jesus is the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him (Hebrews 5:9).
 - 2. Jesus tasted death for all men (Hebrews 2:9).
- C. The greatness of God’s grace is that it is for all men.
- D. There is not a person who cannot be saved by grace.
- E. There will be people that are not saved by grace.
 - 1. The reason for this is that they will not come to God by faith.
 - 2. We are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8).
- F. Grace can be rejected by men and is so when men fail to accept grace properly, by faith.
- G. Grace can be frustrated by Christians who abuse grace (Galatians 2:21).
- H. Grace can be fallen out of by Christians who turn from the gospel (Galatians 5:4).