

**TOPIC: GRACE AND HOW IT WORKS IN A BELIEVER'S LIFE**

**TEXT: TITUS 2:11-14, EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

**INTRODUCTION:** Grace is the free and undeserved assistance God offered us so that we might respond to His call to share in His divine life and attain eternal life. God's grace, as divinely offered gift, does not take away or restrict our freedom; rather, it perfects our freedom by helping us overcome the restricting power of sin, which is the true obstacle to our freedom. Also, grace is the help God gave us to respond to our calling of becoming His adopted sons and daughters which introduced us into the intimacy of the Trinitarian life. However, the classic definition of God's grace is "His unmerited favor and blessing on those who did not in any way deserve or earn it" We deserved His judgment and wrath but He showed us favor. Amen.

**HOW PURE GRACE GOT POLLUTED**

(1) Grace runs counter to the way the world works, so it's difficult for us to grasp it and get used to it. For example, if you do well in school, you get good grades and win awards or if you do well in sports etc. you make the joy of team, family, and friends and get a lot of applause. Thinking that it was by their power, effort, connections, influence, intelligent, background etc. World works on the merit system which is good but grace is far more than that. **(Eph 2:8-9)**

(2) Some people take the grace of God for licentiousness (Ticket to immorality) (Jude 4). Many professing Christians wrongly think that God's grace- means that He allowed us a free passage to sin, with no consequences for disobedience. Wrong assertion. **(Romans 6:1-2)**

**CRUCIAL CONCEPT OF GOD'S GRACE IN BELIEVER'S LIFE**

(1) God's grace brought salvation to all people **(Titus 2:11)**, **(John 1:14)** But remember that God's grace did not miss from the Old Testament. No one was saved in the Old Testament apart from God's grace **(John 1:17)**.

(2) God's grace trains us who are saved to live in godliness **(Titus 2:12-14a)**

(3) Grace trains us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires ( vs 12a)

(4) Grace trains us to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in this present age ( vs 12b)

(5) Grace trains us to live in godliness by looking ahead and behind ( vs 13-14a)

(6) God's grace trains us who are saved to be zealous for good deeds ( vs 14b)

Brethren, we face struggle prompted by our culture's understanding that everything is within our human power. "My power is sufficient" In **(2 Corinthians 12:9)** God told Paul "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness"

**CONCLUSION** If "you" can fight your way clear in understanding and applying God's grace, you will experience a close relationship with God and a consistent victory over sin **(Rom. 6:14)**. May God help us in Jesus Name. Amen