DON'T TRKE GRACE FOR GRANTED

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Titus 2:11-15

- 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
- 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
- 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
- 15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

I. Because Grace Is All Around

A. We see it

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

B. We experience it

Psalm 19:1-3

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

- 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

II. Because Grace Can Easily Be Found Acts 24:25

And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

- A. We feel the need but...
- B. We feel that there is always another chance James 4:13-14
- 13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
- 14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

III. Because Grace "Abounds"

A. A mistake in understanding

Romans 5:20

Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

B. A mistake in application

Romans 6:1

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

BUT WHAT IF ERREE WAS NOT TAKEN FOR GRANTED?

IV. People Would See Jesus

A. For who He is John 1:15

And the Word was made 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

- B. For what He did (v 11, v 14)
- 1 Peter 1:10-11
- 10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:
- 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

V. People Would Seek Jesus

- A. For salvation
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- **B.** For support
- **Hebrews 4:16**
- Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

V. People Would Seek Jesus

C. For spiritual growth

1 Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

VI. People Would Serve Jesus

A. Acceptable words

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

B. Abounding works

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

FOR GODS GRACE?