

Sermon Title: Grippled by the Grace of God

Sermon Text: Various Scriptures

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to study, understand and apply the grace of God to their lives.

Sermon Proposition: There are 7 life-changing truths about the grace of God.

Introduction: God's grace is His undeserved, unearned, unrecompensed, and for unbelievers, unwanted favor toward mankind. It is God's longsuffering judicial loving kindness toward the deserved guilt of sinners. It is the demonstration of His goodness. Grace from God emphasizes the need for forgiveness (i.e. removal of guilt). Grace is illustrated as both an attitude/disposition (*Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,*) and a power/ability.

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Exodus 34:6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,
The church is the brightest display of God's grace, its greatest trophy.

I. God's grace is possible because of Christ. (Rom. 5:12-18)

A. God's **common** grace – The work of Jesus Christ also brings general benefits to all people. (**Matthew 5:45**)

B. God's **special** grace – The benefits of His special grace come only to His children.

II. God's grace brings us mercy. (Eph. 2:4-5)

God's mercy carries the idea of identifying with someone's misery. In mercy God's heart went out to us in our helpless condition. Every misery we experience in life is to some degree related to sin. But grace must precede mercy because God can't help us with our misery until He first deals with our sin. When we counsel people, we must tell people he or she can find no divine relief for misery, not matter who the counselor is, unless the sin question has been addressed. "That's because God's grace must deal with sin before God's mercy can quell the miserable effects of sin." (Quote Tony Evans) (**1 John 1:9**)

Lamentations 3:22 *Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*

Because God looks at Jesus Christ and is so satisfied He's able to deal with us in mercy and pity us in our pain.

III. God's grace is adequate for all our needs. (2 Cor. 9:8)

A. God's grace supplies all we need for good works.

B. God's grace is appreciated as we grow in knowledges.

2 Peter 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

C. God's grace is sufficient for all our weaknesses. (**2 Cor. 12:1-9**)

IV. God's grace trains us for victorious daily living. (Titus 2:11-13)

A. The grace of God brings salvation to all men. V.11

B. The grace of God trains believers to **deny**. V.12a

1. Ungodliness in this present age.

2. Worldly desires in this present age.

C. The grace of God trains believers to **live**. V.12b

1. Sensibly in this present age.

2. Righteously in this present age.

3. Godly in this present age.

D. The grace of God trains believers to **focus**. V.13 (**Gal. 5:2-4**)

V. **God's grace is given on His terms. (James 4:1-2)**

“Like a joyless marriage, the Christian life becomes miserable whenever we try to live it by our own determination rather than by the supply of divine energy from within.”

Galatians 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

- A. We get God's grace by **asking** for it. V.1-2
- B. We get God's grace by **asking** with right motives. V.3
- C. We get God's grace by **avoiding** worldliness. V.4-5
- D. We get God's grace by **advertising** humility. V.6

VI. **God's grace provides help in our times of need. (Heb.4:16)**

VII. **God's grace is evidenced in and by the church. (Eph. 1:5-8; 2:8-9; 3:7-8)**