

FIVE THINGS TRUE ABOUT THE GRACE OF GOD

Introduction

- 1) **1 Peter 5:12** – “the true grace of God in which you stand” – a vast and wonderful subject!
- 2) Popular religious topic, but often misunderstood due to ignorance and false teaching
- 3) Consider five things true about the grace of God according to the Bible

I) AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE (Titus 2:11)

- A) The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men
 - 1) “Has appeared” – in and through Christ (3:4-7)
 - 2) “To all men” – no one exempted or left out (1 Tim. 2:4; 1 Jn. 2:2)
- B) Doctrine of limited atonement/grace (Calvinism: Jesus died only for the elect) is false
 - 1) Jesus died for all, but only those who believe and obey will be saved (Jn. 3:16)

II) REVEALED IN GOD’S WORD (Colossians 1:5-6)

- A) Hear and know about the grace of God “in the word of the truth of the gospel”
 - 1) Gospel has come to “all the world” (cf. v. 23)
 - 2) Everyone can know and understand the true grace of God by hearing and studying the word of God (Acts 14:3; 20:24; 2 Tim. 2:15)
- B) God’s grace will always be in harmony with God’s truth (Jn. 1:14, 16-17)
 - 1) Any teaching about divine grace not in harmony with truth is false doctrine

III) BASIS OF OUR SALVATION (Acts 15:11)

- A) It is by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ that we are saved (2 Cor. 8:9)
 - 1) By the grace of God Jesus died for all men providing redemption (Heb. 2:9; Eph. 1:7)
- B) The grace of God brings [provides] salvation (Titus 2:11)
 - 1) We are justified *freely* by God’s grace (Rom. 3:24), not by perfect works of merit (4:4)

IV) ACCESSED BY FAITH (Romans 5:1-2)

- A) Grace of God is “accessed” by faith (freedom to enter through assistance of another)
 - 1) God purifies hearts by faith (Acts 15:9); grace provides purification and faith accesses it
 - 2) Salvation is by *grace* [God’s part] through *faith* [man’s part] (Eph. 2:7-8)
- B) Salvation not by grace alone or faith alone, but both in proper combination (1 Tim. 1:12-16)

V) TEACHES GODLY LIVING (Titus 2:11-12)

- A) The grace of God teaches us to:
 - 1) Deny ungodliness and worldly lusts (1 Thess. 5:22; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)
 - 2) Live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age (2 Cor. 7:1; Rom. 13:13-14)
- B) Word of grace able to build us up and give us an inheritance (Acts 20:32)
- C) Grow in the “grace and knowledge” of our Lord Jesus (1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:18)

Conclusion

Here is the best news - the **grace of God** has *not* been exhausted! There is more to be brought to us when Jesus returns (1 Pet. 1:13). This grace to come is the inheritance reserved in heaven for us (vv. 3-5), but only for those who live by faith. Do you believe the word of grace? Will you obey the truth and enjoy the riches of the grace of God today?