

Living in the Assurance of God's Grace
2 Cor. 6:1-13

"God's grace is always coming to my heart and life in very wonderful and blessed experience of now. Yesterday's grace is totally inadequate for the burden of today, and if I do not learn to lay hold of heavenly resources every day of my life for the little things as well as the big things, as a Christian I soon become stale, barren, and fruitless in the service of the Lord." Redpath

- I. God's grace is powerful because it is what is given to us to change our lives. He gives it freely to anyone who believes upon His Son for salvation. It is a marvelous gift of his kindness toward those who are saved by it, therefore the Lord expects it to be an active part of how we live life. As his fellow workers, we must guard against allowing his grace to become dormant, undeveloped, ignored or unappreciated.

2 Cor. 6:1-2

Eph. 2:8-9

2 Cor. 5:20

1 Cor. 15:10

***κενός kenós**, empty, vain, devoid of truth. metaph. destitute of spiritual wealth, of one who boasts of his faith as a transcendent possession, yet is without the fruits of faith*

"An ambassador can rightly be described as working together with his king. Yet, the ambassador himself has no power or authority or agenda on his own. It is all bound up in his king. Yet the king delegates power and authority to the ambassador, and reveals his agenda to the ambassador, and the king expects the ambassador to fulfill that agenda." (Guzik)

- II. As God's fellow workers, we must appropriate his grace if we are to assist him in accomplishing his will. To appropriate his grace means that we value and live by it. It is being convinced in our hearts that he is loving and kind toward us all the time, even when we think we're screwing up. It is knowing without a doubt, that he sees us as completely holy and blameless in his sight. Our understanding of this has a direct impact on those whom God has put in our lives. It is important to remember that grace receivers are to be grace givers.

2 Cor. 6:3-4a

Col. 3:12-17

***Ephesians 1:3-5** 3Praise be to the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-*

- III. There are many enemies that desire to steal the peace we have in knowing that we live under the power of God's grace. Satan, that great deceiver, will try to convince us that we must earn it, our flesh will try to convince us that we don't need to be responsible toward it, and our emotions will work to convince us that God is keeping his loving kindness from us because of our many failings. The **truth** is, God will never ever take away what he has freely given us. His grace is an unlimited valuable resource meant to give us what we need to handle everything life throws at us.

2 Cor. 6:4b-5

***ὑπομονή hypomonē** cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:—enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting). Strong's*

"... in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings." (Blue Letter Bible Lexicon)