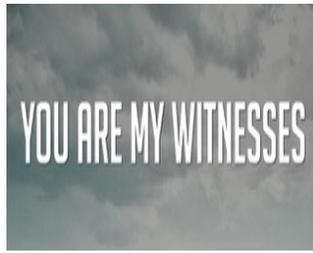


“You Are My Witnesses!”



Part 3: “GRACE: The Free Gift of God”

**John 3:16; Romans 6:23; John 1:2-13;
Ephesians 2:8-9**

Introduction: The Bible, especially the New Testament, talks a LOT about GRACE: “God’s underserved favor toward man.”

John 1:14, 16-18:

GRACE could not be fully understood until Jesus came from the Father.

In **John 3:16**, the word “so” means literally, “in this way.”

GRACE is the undeserved favor of God in SAVING those who deserve His just judgment through the sacrifice of His own Son, Jesus!

It is only when you know the truth about what grace is and why you NEED grace that you will put your trust in Jesus and respond to His call to follow Him.

I. GRACE begins in the heart and mind of God ...

Every other religion is based on works, on performance, on what YOU can do to EARN the favor of a “god” you don’t know.

Jude 3-4:

Romans 6:23: “The wages of sin is death, BUT the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

God IS gracious! Nothing outside of God moves God to show grace to sinner who have rebelled against Him.

Romans 5:8:

Salvation, life with God, the work of His Spirit, His abiding presence and His unconditional love are completely and wholly the result of His grace toward His children !

In the heart and mind of God, He chose, He determined to BE gracious, to give the free gift of life to some, and to do everything necessary to bring these into a relationship with Himself.

Ephesians 2:8-9:

II. Grace continues (flows out to us) through the Son and the Spirit of God ...

If your relationship with God is based on anything you have done, are doing or will do, your experience of God’s grace will be in a continual state of change !

John 1:9-13:

Every true believer has been born again by the Spirit of God BEFORE they received Jesus as Savior and Lord ... BEFORE they believed.

YOU. HAVE . BEEN . SET. FREE !!

Ezekiel 36:26-27:

John 6:44, 37:

Romans 10:13 ... And who will call? Those who have been born again by the Spirit !

Romans 3:23-24:

Romans 11:33-36:

III. Grace LEADS to the praise and worship of God!!

Ephesians 1:3-6:

When I rest in His grace, I know that NOTHING in all of creation will EVER separate me from the God’s love in Christ Jesus, my Lord!

Philippians 3:7-9:

If you are to tell others how you can be SURE you are going to heaven and that you live in the presence of Christ, you must begin with GRACE !

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22: