

THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE

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The following is a study of the original Greek words to obtain the true and original meanings and an accurate translation.

For the most part, our mind is like a compulsive “yes-man” for whatever you want to believe. Psychologists call this “confirmation bias.” A recent analysis of psychological studies with nearly 8,000 participants concluded that people are twice as likely to seek information that confirms what they already believe as they are to consider evidence that would challenge those beliefs.

Inserting personal believes into the Bible translation is an issue that even affects the 1611 KJV as scholars were forced to omit and change scripture to comply with the King’s guidelines - one of which was that the KJV could not contradict the Bishop’s Bible.

Therefore, for the sake of seeking truth, being stretched, and for giving an alternate translation serious consideration without being held by a confirmation bias, let us begin the following study.

GRACE: G - GOD’S R - Riches A - at C - Christ’s E - Expense

- Freely Given, Unearned, Undeserved Blessings and Gifts
- Grace – Giving us what we **do not** deserve.
- Mercy – Not giving us what we **do** deserve.
- Grace and Mercy flow out of LOVE.
- Grace being an attribute of GOD, is impossible to define

Ephesians 1:3-8 Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who **has blessed us** with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in CHRIST, 4 just as **HE chose us in HIM before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 **HE predestined us to adoption as sons** through JESUS CHRIST to HIMSELF, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the **GLORY OF HIS GRACE**, which **HE freely bestowed on us in the BELOVED**. 7 In HIM we have **REDEMPTION through HIS BLOOD**, the **forgiveness** of our trespasses, according to **the RICHES of HIS GRACE** 8 which He **LAVISHED on us**. In all wisdom and insight.

Let us look closely at this passage to gain understanding of it's riches.

Ephesians 1:3 **Blessed be** the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST

- HE **will be Blessed** when we understand, receive, walk in and try to THANK HIM for ALL HIS Blessings **given us** by HIS **GRACE**.

who **HAS BLESSED US** This is **GRACE**. We do NOT deserve it.

- aorist tense -> Action **happened** and was **completed** at a point in the past. It is **guaranteed** by HIS WORD. HE DOES NOT CHANGE HIS MIND

with **EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING** in the heavens **More GRACE**

- HE HAS GIVEN US **EVERYTHING**. It is a matter of us knowing what HE has given and taking steps of FAITH. It is our inheritance

in Christ Our eternal position and the way our FATHER sees us now. As HIS Bride we are **ONE with JESUS**.

4 Just as **HE CHOSE US in HIM** before the foundation of the world that we **WOULD BE HOLY and BLAMELESS** before HIM.

- This **GREAT GRACE** was Accomplished by The **BLOOD** of HIS SON **JESUS CHRIST**. HOW VALUABLE IS THAT?

5 In **LOVE HE PREDESTINED** us to "**ADOPTION as sons**"

ADOPTION means: "*to take as your own child, a child of other parents*"

This indicates that we did not belong to our Heavenly FATHER until we were born again and then when we believed HE ADOPTED US.

THIS IS NOT WHAT THE WORD TEACHES!

The Greek word used here for adoption is: υἰοθεσία -> huios = son and thesia = to put or place -> meaning "**to be placed as sons**" as "**mature ones**" **NO longer children**, emphasizing **MATURITY**.

This is like the Jewish Bar Mitzvah. When a son reaches 14 years, he is no longer considered **a child** but a **mature son**.

The Scriptures teach that WE were **Chosen** and therefore **HIS CHILD from BIRTH**. But when we were **Born Again** and the **HOLY SPIRIT** came **into** us giving us Spiritual wisdom and understanding, **We Became SON'S at that point** KNOWING RIGHT & WRONG, given RESPONSIBILITY and The Keys to The Kingdom.

HOW SPECIAL ARE YOU ??

This is the correct translation and **NOT ADOPTION** which wrongly teaches we were **not** HIS Child until we were Born Again. It is Important that we clearly understand this Truth.

❖ We will look at the verses that confirm this:

Galatians 3:23 Paul is **writing to believers** in Galatia. But **before FAITH CAME, WE** (HIS children) were kept in custody under the law, being shut up **to the FAITH which was later to be revealed**. 24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to CHRIST, so that **we may be justified by FAITH**. 25 But **NOW THAT FAITH HAS COME**, (and we believed) we are no longer (a child) under a tutor. 26 **For YOU ARE ALL SONS of GOD through FAITH in CHRIST JESUS**. Now a son and mature.

The emphasis is on MATURITY: Romans 8:14-15

For all who are being **led by the SPIRIT of GOD THESE ARE SONS of GOD** (MATURE) 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a SPIRIT of **"adoption" as sons** by which we cry out, Abba! Father!

Again, ADOPTION gives the WRONG UNDERSTANDING that we were not The LORD's until we believed and were "Born Again" then we became The LORD's. **NO!**

The Word is: υἱοθεσία -> huios = son and thesia = to put or place -> meaning **"to be placed as sons"** as **"mature ones"** and **NO longer children**, emphasizing **MATURITY**.

WE WERE NEVER A CHILD OF THE EVIL ONE

Here is another mistranslation:

John 3:3 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the Kingdom of GOD. The word "again" is WRONG.

The correct translation is: unless one is **born from above** he cannot see the kingdom of God.

The Greek word is:(ανωθεν) literally meaning "**from above**" he cannot SEE (ιδειν) or perceive) the Kingdom of GOD. Meaning only a person "Born from Above," "Born of GOD" will Perceive, comprehend and respond to the gospel.

The word for 'again' is (παλιν - palin) and the word (παλιν) **WAS NOT used in this verse**, but the word (άνωθεν).

There is no other place in the New Testament where (άνωθεν) is translated "again." But in the same chapter **it is** translated **correctly** as "**above**" in:

John 3:31 HE who comes from **above** (άνωθεν) is **above** (ἐπάνω) epano (ep-an'-o) all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. HE who comes from heaven is **above** (ἐπάνω) all.

- (ἐπάνω) epano (ep-an'-o) means: **up above, over in rank.**

To translate (άνωθεν) as "again" is WRONG. It had to be purposely done because of a theological bias.

To translate it correctly is important because it adds to the Truth that being **BORN from ABOVE**, GOD IS OUR FATHER, HE

CHOSE US and CAUSED US TO BE BORN (natural birth) into this world. Our **Spiritual Birth** when we are **"born again"** is spoken in John 3:5 **Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water** (natural birth) **and the Spirit** (Spiritual birth) **he cannot ENTER** into the Kingdom of GOD.

John 3:3 says: **Unless one is born from above** he cannot SEE (ιδειν) or perceive) **the Kingdom of GOD**. A person must first be able to perceive **the Kingdom** (born from above) before he believes and is Born Again.

There are two types of people on this earth:

1. "of" GOD and
2. "of" the evil one.

There are others who **are not** "born of GOD" but of the evil one as JESUS said to the Pharisee's . . .

You are "of" your father the devil. John 8:44

- **"of"** the Greek word meaning "out of" from a source of origin.

The Parable of the Tares & Wheat make it Very Clear.

Matthew 13:37-43 He who sows the **good seed** is the **Son of Man**. 38 The field is the world, the **good seeds are the SONS of the Kingdom**, but **the tares are the SONS of the wicked one**. 39 **THE ENEMY WHO SOWED THEM IS THE DEVIL**

Our birthright and citizenship are in Heaven (Philippians3:20) and we are strangers and pilgrims here on this earth (Hebrews11:13).

More Confirming verses:

John 1:12-13 But as many as **received HIM** to **them** HE gave (past tense, before they were born) **the right to *be**

- γίνομαι ginomai : to cause to be / come into being / to be born

children of GOD, WHEN? when **HE chose them**. Who are they? **to those who BELIEVE in HIS Name**, (Why?) ¹³ **WHO WERE BORN**, (1) not of blood (natural birth) (2) nor of the will of the flesh (natural birth) (3) nor of the will of man (natural birth) (4) but **of GOD**. (also **NATURAL BIRTH** to be true to context and translation principals).

Those who were "**born from above**," "**born of GOD**" "**children of GOD**" are the one's who will Believe and receive the HOLY SPIRIT and then become, hopefully: **Mature believers, SONS**.

John also states this in 1 John 5:1: **Whoever believes** that JESUS is the CHRIST is **born of GOD** and whoever loves the Father loves **the child BORN "of" HIM**.

The word for "**Born Again**" is not used by John but is used by Peter:

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who **according to His Great Mercy** has **CAUSED US** to be **born again** (ἀναγεννάω) to a living hope through the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST

- **HE CAUSED US**, according to **HIS GREAT MERCY** and **GRACE** to be **Born Again**. Why? Because . . .

The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY IS OUR FATHER.

- The Greek word to be "born again" is: ἀναγεννάω Anagennao. ἀνα ->repetition or again γεννάω -> to procreate, to beget children, beget again or "**born again.**"

Review:

1. Our FATHER **chose us before the foundation of the world and caused us to BE BORN by natural birth** into this world and Therefore **HIS Child** (Dt.32:18). Even though we were born in sin and Spiritually Dead (Ephesians 2:1).But our FATHER took care of that by sending HIS SON and HE made HIM, JESUS who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, so that we might become the righteousness of GOD in HIM.

2. And then our FATHER **CAUSED US**, according to **His Great Mercy** and **GRACE** to be **Born Again.**

HE Caused us to be **Born Again** by **GIVING US the FAITH to Believe.**

2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter . . .To those who **HAVE RECEIVED** a **Faith** of the same kind as ours

Hebrews 12:2 JESUS the **AUTHOR** & perfecter of **faith**

- 1 Cor. 4:7 **What do you have that you did not receive?**
By HIS GREAT and MARVELOUS GRACE?

More Clarifying Verses: John 20:17 to HIS **disciples** HE said **before** they were born again: **go to MY brethren** and say to them, I ascend to **My Father** and **your Father.**

John 8:38 To some of the **Pharisees** HE said: **I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father.**

John 8:44 You are "of" your father the devil . . . "of" Greek ἐκ (ek) a primary preposition denoting **origin**, from where action begins.

Two different Fathers. Every person is from one or the other.

The Gospel is to be preached to all.

Those "born from above" will sooner or later believe.

Back to Ephesians 1:5 with correct translation:

In **LOVE HE PREDESTINED** us to **BE PLACED AS SONS** (not adopted) through **JESUS CHRIST to HIMSELF**, according to the **KIND intention of HIS WILL**

Vs 6 **TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE**, which **HE FREELY BESTOWED ON US in the BELOVED**

- **freely bestowed on us** is the Greek word: χαριτώω -> charitoo (khar-ee-to'-o) to grace someone with special honor, be highly favored.

So verse 6 can be translated:

TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE, by which **HE FREELY GRACED us with SPECIAL HONOR and FAVOR in the BELOVED**. Un-comprehensible *GRACE* !

VS 7 In HIM we HAVE **REDEMPTION** through **HIS BLOOD**, the **FORGIVENESS** of our trespasses, ACCORDING TO THE

RICHES OF HIS GRACE 8 which **HE LAVISHED ON US.**

John 1:14 And **The WORD** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld **HIS GLORY**, the **GLORY** of the only begotten of the FATHER, **FULL OF GRACE** and **TRUTH.**

16 And of **HIS FULLNESS WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED** and **GRACE** for **GRACE.** 17 For **GRACE** and **TRUTH** came through JESUS CHRIST.

NIV:16 From the **FULLNESS of HIS GRACE** we have **all received ONE BLESSING AFTER ANOTHER.**

NLT:16 From **HIS ABUNDANCE** we have **all received** one **GRACIOUS BLESSING after another.**

TLB:16 **We have all benefited** from the **rich blessings** HE brought to us, **blessing upon blessing heaped upon us!**

AMP:16 For out of **HIS fullness** (abundance) **we have all received** [all had a share and we were all supplied with] **one GRACE after another** and **SPIRITUAL BLESSING upon SPIRITUAL BLESSING** and even **FAVOR upon FAVOR** and **GIFT upon GIFT.**

The GREATNESS of GRACE Can Not ADEQUATELY be Described.

HOW SPECIAL ARE WE ??

The Apostle Paul cannot stop talking about the **GOODNESS**, the **MERCY** and the **GRACE of GOD**:

Ephesians 2:1-10 And **you were dead** in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live according to the prince of the power of the air the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 **Among them (NOT OF THEM)** we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by **nature** (basic character, the way we act. We were like them but NOT one of them) children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 **But GOD**, being **RICH IN MERCY**, BECAUSE of HIS **GREAT LOVE** with which **HE LOVED US**, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **1 made us alive** together with CHRIST, **by GRACE you have been SAVED**), 6 **and 2 RAISED us up with HIM**, and **3 SEATED us with HIM** in the heavenly places in **CHRIST JESUS**, Why? 7 **SO THAT** in the ages to come **HE might show the SURPASSING RICHES OF HIS GRACE** in **KINDNESS** toward us in **CHRIST JESUS**. 8 **For by GRACE 4 you have BEEN SAVED** through **FAITH**; and **THAT IS NOT OF YOURSELVES**, it is the **5 GIFT of GOD**; 9 not a result of works, so that **no one may boast**. 10 For **we are HIS workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS** for good works, which GOD prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

*Amazing GRACE how sweet the sound that
SAVED a wretch like me . . .*

For more study on this go to: www.treasurehisword.com "Born From Above" & "Adoption" page 3 "Spiritual warfare and the two seeds" page 5

1. HIS Grace **has Blessed us** with every spiritual blessing
2. HIS Grace **Chose us before the foundation of the world**
3. HIS Grace made us **Holy and Blameless before HIM.**
4. HIS Grace **Predestined us to be His sons and daughters**
5. HIS Grace **has made us Honored and Accepted**
6. HIS Grace **Redeemed us**
7. HIS Grace **has Forgiven us**

II. GRACE is POWER

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 And He said to me, My **GRACE is sufficient** for you, for **POWER** is perfected in **weakness**. Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the **POWER of CHRIST** may **dwell in me**.

❖ The verse makes it clear that **GRACE is POWER**.

❖ I can either choose **my power, or HIS** by calling upon, asking for **HIS GRACE**.

Hebrews 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the **Throne of GRACE, so that** we may **receive mercy** and find **GRACE (POWER) to help** in time of need.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And GOD is able to make **all GRACE** (POWER) **abound** to you (WHY?) so that always having **all sufficiency** in **everything**, you may have an **ABUNDANCE** for every good **deed**. This verse also states Grace has Power.

❖ **GRACE IS POWER** for you to be **sufficient** and have an **abundance** of everything necessary **for every** good work and every ministry HE Calls YOU to. HE TAKES CARE OF IT ALL ! If we let HIM.

- ❖ The **power** to take up YOUR Cross as JESUS took up HIS.
- ❖ The **power** to live the Christian Life as explained by JESUS in Matthew 5:39-48 1 Peter 2:21-24

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have **this TREASURE** in earthen vessels, so that the **surpassing GREATNESS of THE POWER** will be of GOD and **not from ourselves.**

III. Here is How it all Begins and works together:

John 3:16 GOD so **LOVED . . . THAT HE GAVE . . HIS ONLY SON**
 And HE SO **LOVED** US THAT for the **joy** set before HIM, HE **endured the cross** (Heb.12:2) TO **SAVE US. LOVE SAVED US !**

LOVE MOTIVATED and **EMPOWERED** our HEAVENLY FATHER to FREELY **GIVE** WHAT WE DID NOT DESERVE AND COULD NOT EARN -
 > -> **HIS SON** -> by **GRACE** WE HAVE BEEN SAVED !

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For the **love of Christ constrains us /controls us / compels us** having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and **HE died** for all (WHY?) **so that** they who live might **NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES, but for HIM** who died and rose again on their behalf. We Should so LOVE that we sacrificially GIVE as HE did.

HIS GRACE flows out of **HIS LOVE** to give us what we DO NOT DESERVE and CANNOT EARN. **We should do the same for others.**

Ephesians 3:16-21 Paul's Prayer MUST BE OUR PRAYER:

That HE would **grant you**, according to the **RICHS of HIS GLORY**, to be **STRENGTHENED WITH POWER** through **HIS SPIRIT** in the

inner man (in **YOU**) 17 so that **CHRIST MAY DWELL / LIVE IN YOUR HEARTS** (GOD is LOVE) through **FAITH**; and that **YOU**, being **ROOTED and GROUNDED in LOVE** the foundation of which everything in the Kingdom is built on . . .

- **GOD is LOVE** (1Jn.4:8) **GRACE** flows out of **LOVE, GIVING** us what we DO NOT DESERVE -> **Salvation**.
- **MERCY Flows out of HIS GREAT LOVE** -> **NOT GIVING US WHAT WE DO DESERVE** -> DEATH.
- **KINDNESS** flows from the RICHES of HIS **GRACE**.
- And also **FAITH** working through **LOVE**. Galatians 5:6
- The more our roots are **Rooted and Grounded in LOVE**, All the **FRUIT of The SPIRIT** will FLOW FROM OUR LIFE: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22

Vs.18 may be able to **comprehend** with all the saints what is the BREADTH and LENGTH and HEIGHT and DEPTH, 19 and to **know** the **LOVE of CHRIST** which surpasses knowledge (Why?) that you may be **FILLED UP TO ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD**.

TO BE **FILLED** WITH THE **FULLNESS OF GOD** WHO IS **LOVE** (1John4:8) IS TO BE FILLED WITH **POWER**, to GIVE to OTHERS **EVEN WHAT THEY DO NOT DESERVE**. For instance: **Forgive** and **Forget** the offense. Hebrews10:17

Example: The Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-37

Ephesians 3:20 Now to HIM who is able to do **far more abundantly** beyond all that we ask or think, **according to the POWER that works WITHIN US**, 21 to **HIM be the GLORY** in the church and in **CHRIST JESUS** to all generations forever and ever.

Ephesians 2:1-10 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked **according to** the ways of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the **sons of disobedience**. 3 Among them (not "of" them) we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by ***nature** (the way we act) children of wrath, even **like the rest**. 4 But GOD, being **rich in MERCY, because of HIS Great LOVE** (MERCY flows out of Love) with which **HE LOVED US**, 5 even when we were **dead** in our transgressions (a dead man can do nothing to help himself) **HE made us alive** together with CHRIST by **GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED** (Greek tense: completed action in eternity past, with ongoing continuous results into eternity future)

❖ Hebrews 5:9 **eternal salvation**. 7:25 **saved forever**.
9:12 **eternal redemption**. 9:15 **eternal inheritance**

Back to Ephesians 2:6 and **RAISED US UP** (aorist) with HIM, and **SEATED US** (aorist) **with HIM in the heavenly places in CHRIST JESUS**

This is The **Eternal position / The way our FATHER sees us now**. It is a FINISHED, DONE, ACCOMPLISHED, COMPLETED work (aorist) all because of THE BLOOD of The Covenant. And you will NEVER lose your seat!

This is GRACE upon GRACE upon GRACE . . .

The Bible teaches us that SALVATION is in **three stages**:

1) We Have been saved - Justified Freely by GRACE. From the **PENALTY** of sin -> DEATH, and we **HAVE ETERNAL LIFE**. Ephesians 2:5 & 8 This is The NEW COVENANT by HIS BLOOD. Colossians 2:13-15

2) **We Are Being saved.** 1Cor.1:18 / 2Cor.2:15 Daily from the **POWER** of Sin. This is **our Responsibility as we OBEY HIM** Luke 6:46. And **"take up our cross"** Luke 9:23; Romans 6:1-14 . . for sin shall not be master over you for you are not under the law, but **under GRACE -> The power to not sin.** Example: Luke 22:24 & 31

3) **Shall be saved.** From the **PRESENCE** of sin when we leave this earth by the rapture, or His second coming, or our physical death. Romans 5:10 **His Resurrection is our Resurrection.**

Back to Ephesians 2:7 **so that** in the ages to come He might show the **SURPASSING RICHES of HIS GRACE** in **kindness** toward us in CHRIST JESUS. 8 For **by GRACE you *HAVE BEEN SAVED** (Greek tense: completed action in the past, with ongoing continuous results) **through faith; and that (faith) is not of yourselves, it (faith) is the gift of GOD; 9 not as a result of works,** so that no one may boast.

- In the sentence: 8 For by **GRACE you have been saved through faith;** and **"that"** is **not of yourselves,** it is the **gift of GOD** . . . some say: **"that"** refers back to **you have been SAVED**

But that is **NOT** the way the sentence reads. The Sentence reads both in Greek and English: **by GRACE you have been saved through faith and "that"** refers to FAITH since it follows FAITH is **not of yourselves.**

- It already states that **by GRACE** (a free Gift) **you have been saved** so it is not explaining **again** that SALVATION is **not of yourselves** - that is known: **by GRACE you have been saved.** But as the sentence reads: **you have been saved through faith;** and **"that"** (faith also) is **not of yourselves,** it is the **GIFT of GOD 9 not as a result of works** (anything of our efforts) **so that no one may boast.**

IV. Many Verses declare that Faith is FROM the LORD and

therefore: **Faith is by GRACE.**

Hebrews 12:2 . . . **JESUS**, the **AUTHOR** and **PERFECTER** of **FAITH**

- **Author** – two Greek words: to commence, begin & to lead or bring. **Jesus, the author** from whom Faith comes, begins and originates.
- **Perfecter** – From a Greek word meaning to **complete**, to **perfect**. Luke 22:32 I have prayed for you, that **your faith may not fail**; Continuing, enduring Faith is perfected by and from the LORD.

Galatians 3:23 But **before FAITH CAME**, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up (assured) to **the faith which was later to be REVEALED.**

FAITH CAME to us. IT DOES NOT ORIGINATE IN US OR FROM US.

This declares we were **HIS Children** before **faith came**, [**chosen** before the foundation of the world Eph.1:4] and **we** were kept in custody under the law until **FAITH CAME** and we believed.

²⁴Therefore the Law has become our **tutor to lead us to Christ**, so that **we** may be **JUSTIFIED by faith**. ²⁵ But now that **FAITH HAS COME**, we are no longer under a tutor. **as children.**

See also 1 Peter 1:1-3 Peter . . . to those who reside as **aliens** (foreigners, not citizens) . . . who are **chosen** according to the foreknowledge of GOD the Father . . . who according to HIS **Great MERCY** has **CAUSED US to be BORN AGAIN**. ²¹ who **by HIM ARE BELIEVERS** in GOD ²³ **for you have been born again** NOT of **SEED** which is perishable (human, earthly) but **imperishable** (heavenly) through the living and abiding **Word of GOD** ²⁵ The Word of The LORD abides forever.

Matthew 16:15-17 **who do you say that I am?** ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. ¹⁷ Jesus said, **Blessed are you,**

because **flesh and blood DID NOT REVEAL this to you, but My FATHER** who is in heaven.

- Knowing that what he believed was by revelation, is why Peter wrote the following:

2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, **to those who have RECEIVED a faith** of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

Romans 12:3-4 **I say to every man among YOU . . . God has ALLOTTED TO EACH a measure of faith.** He is speaking to believers. See Vs.1 **brothers**

Philippians 1:29 **For to you it HAS BEEN GRANTED** for Christ's sake, **not only to BELIEVE** in Him, but also to suffer for His sake

Acts 3:16 And on **the basis of faith in HIS NAME**, the name of **JESUS** which has strengthened this **man** whom you see and know; and **the faith which comes *through HIM** has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

*Greek (di') dia (dee-ah'); a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act. Faith comes to us through JESUS. Faith begins with HIM and given to us.

1 Peter 1:21 who ***through Him are believers in God . . . so that your faith and hope** are in GOD. (*through or by, channel of action)

❖ John 3:27 A man can **receive nothing** unless it has been **given him** from heaven. 1 Cor. 4:7 **What do you have** that you did not **receive?**

Ephesians 2:8 For **by GRACE** (God's free gift) you **have been saved** through (or by) **FAITH; and that** (faith) **is not of yourselves**, it is **the GIFT of GOD**

- making it clear that **salvation is NOT of ourselves**. Therefore, **faith cannot be “of ourselves”** since salvation comes by or through faith. Otherwise salvation would depend upon us.
- And to clarify this, the Holy Spirit added “and **that not of yourselves**” clearly referring **to the noun that precedes it, “faith,”** which also **is not of ourselves** but “**the gift of God.**”

Romans 4:16-17 For this reason it is **BY FAITH, in order that** it may be **in accordance with GRACE** [if faith originates within us then it is **not** according to GRACE → a free gift] **so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants** (literally: seeds. We are “of” that chosen lineage) **not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the FAITH of Abraham, who is the father of us all**

Acts 16:14-15 A woman named Lydia . . a worshiper of GOD, was listening; and **The LORD opened her heart** to **respond** to the things spoken by Paul.

2 Thessalonians 3:2 **and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.** Referring to “evil men.”

2 Thessalonians 2:13 . . . God has **chosen you** from the beginning **for salvation** through (two things) (1) **sanctification** by the Spirit **and** (2) **faith** in the truth.

- Sanctification is by the Spirit. The word “**and**” connects sanctification and faith together with the meaning that **faith is also by the Spirit and not originating from man.**
- Jonah 2:9 **Salvation is of the LORD.** *By Grace*

James 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: did not GOD **CHOOSE** the poor of this world **to be rich in faith** and heirs of the kingdom

1 Corinthians 1:30 But **by HIS DOING** you are in Christ **JESUS**, who became to us **wisdom from GOD**, and **righteousness** and **sanctification**, and **redemption** *All By Grace*

Romans 12:3 through the **GRACE GIVEN to me as GOD has ALLOTTED TO EACH A MEASURE OF FAITH.**

- The LORD has given to everyone whom "HE chose before the foundation of the world" and whose name was written in the "**Book of Life**" -> **A MEASURE OF FAITH.**
- But from that **measure of FAITH to believe**, it is our RESPONSIBILITY to **grow that FAITH. HOW ? BY HEARING** and THEN OBEYING.

Romans 10:16-17 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, **who has believed** our report?" ¹⁷ So **FAITH COMES FROM HEARING**, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF CHRIST.

- The More YOU LISTEN . . . as You Read The WORD, as You PRAY, HEAR and OBEY You Will see signs and wonders and . . . Your FAITH WILL GROW.

For Example:

Acts 3:16 And on the basis of **faith in HIS NAME**, the name of **JESUS** which has strengthened this man; and the **faith which COMES through** (di') **HIM** has given him this perfect health

- (di') because of, or by. The channel of action

Galatians 3:5 He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, does it by **the hearing with faith**

And HEARING is GIVEN BY THE LORD:

Isaiah 55:11 So will **My word** be which goes forth from **My mouth**; It

will not return to Me empty, without **accomplishing what I desire**, and without **succeeding** in the matter for which I sent it.

Deuteronomy 29:4 Yet to this day **the LORD HAS NOT GIVEN YOU** a heart to know, nor eyes to see, **NOR EARS TO HEAR**.

Mark 4:9-12 And He was saying, **He who has ears to hear, let him hear**. (Indicating that not all have ears to hear) ¹⁰ His followers, along with the twelve, were asking Him about the parables. ¹¹ And He was saying to them, **TO YOU HAS BEEN GIVEN** the mystery of the Kingdom of GOD, but **those who are OUTSIDE** get everything in parables, ¹² so that while seeing, they may see and not perceive, and **WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND**, otherwise they might return and be forgiven." (Isaiah 6:9-10)

Luke 8:8 Other fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great. As He said these things, He would call out, **He who has ears to hear, let him hear**. (Indicating that not all have ears to hear)

John 8:43-47 **Why** do you not understand what I am saying? It is because **you CANNOT HEAR MY WORD**. ⁴⁴ You are **OF** your father the devil, . . . ⁴⁵ But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁷ **He who is "OF" GOD HEARS the words of GOD**; for this reason **YOU DO NOT HEAR because you are not "OF" GOD**.

John 10:26-28 **YOU DO NOT BELIEVE BECAUSE you ARE NOT "OF" MY SHEEP**. ²⁷ **My sheep HEAR MY VOICE**, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish

- Clearly indicating that there are sheep that belong to another.

Romans 5:5 the **love of GOD** has been **poured out** within our **hearts** through the HOLY SPIRIT who was **GIVEN** to us. *By GRACE*

- The LORD poured His Love into our hearts

Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus . . . **faith working through love.**

- Faith comes from -> the Love He poured into our hearts.
- So **Faith is not of, or out of, ourselves** it begins with the LORD pouring His **LOVE** into our hearts and **Faith** springs up and grows out of that LOVE. The more we learn of ALL HE has done for us **the more our love grows and then our faith grows.**

It all begins with the LORD GOD, our FATHER pouring HIS LOVE into our hearts.

All because of GRACE

By GRACE you HAVE BEEN SAVED and salvation is OF THE LORD. Psalm 3:8 Jonah 2:9

v. We are **JUSTIFIED** by HIS GRACE

To **justify** means: **to make righteous** / to release / set free / clear from sin and declared "not guilty." Innocent. Blameless.

Righteousness (noun) and Justified (verb) are the same Greek word.

Romans 3:22-27 The **righteousness of GOD** through faith in JESUS CHRIST **is for all those who believe**; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD, 24 **being JUSTIFIED** as a **GIFT by HIS GRACE** through the **redemption** which is in CHRIST JESUS; 25 whom GOD displayed publicly as a **propitiation** (a satisfying sacrifice) in **HIS BLOOD** through FAITH. This was to **demonstrate HIS righteousness**, because in the forbearance of GOD HE **passed over** the sins previously committed (but they had to be judged and were in HIS SON) 26 for the demonstration, I say, of

HIS **righteousness** at the present time, so that HE would be **just** and the **justifier** of the one who has FAITH in JESUS. 27 **Where then is boasting? It is excluded.** Because it is all *by GRACE*

Romans 4:5-8 But to the one who **does not work**, but **believes** in HIM who **justifies the ungodly**, his faith is credited as **righteousness**, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom GOD credits **righteousness apart from works**: 7 "Blessed are those whose **lawless deeds have been forgiven**, and whose **sins have been covered** (By The Blood) 8 blessed is the man whose **sin** the LORD **WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.** All Because it is all *by GRACE*

Romans 5:12-21 Therefore, just as through **one man sin entered into the world**, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned 13 for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of HIM who was to come. 15 But the **FREE GIFT** is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the **GRACE of GOD** and the **GIFT by the GRACE of the one Man, JESUS CHRIST**, abound to the many. 16 **The GIFT** is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the **FREE GIFT arose from MANY transgressions resulting in JUSTIFICATION.** 17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, **MUCH MORE** those who **RECEIVE the ABUNDANCE of GRACE and of the GIFT of RIGHTEOUSNESS** will **reign in life** through the One, JESUS CHRIST. 18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so **through ONE ACT of RIGHTEOUSNESS there resulted JUSTIFICATION of LIFE TO ALL MEN.** (see 2 Cor.5:19) 19 For as through the one man's disobedience

the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the **many will be made righteous**. 20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, **GRACE abounded all the more**, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so **GRACE WOULD REIGN through RIGHTEOUSNESS to ETERNAL LIFE through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.**

VI. We Are **REDEEMED** by HIS GRACE

To redeem means to “buy back what originally belonged to you.”

We were the LORD’s – He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world (Eph.1:4) but because of Adam we were born with a sin nature thus giving satan a legal right and authority over us.

JESUS walked into the darkness of satan’s domain and **paid the price** for our **FREEDOM**, paid the price for our **REDEMPTION**.

1 Peter 1:18-20 knowing that you were not **REDEEMED** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with **PRECIOUS BLOOD**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, **THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**.

- **Value** is determined by . . . the **Price Paid to Purchase**.
- So, **How Valuable Are You** ? How Valuable are People ?

Hebrews 9:12 through **His own Blood**, He entered the Holy Place once for all, having obtained **ETERNAL redemption**. 15 HE is the Mediator of the **new covenant**, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, **THAT THOSE WHO ARE CALLED** may **receive the promise of the ETERNAL INHERITANCE**.

Therefore, there is **now no condemnation** (no judgment) for

those who are **in CHRIST JESUS**. For the law of the SPIRIT of life in **CHRIST JESUS** has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

Not only did the LORD JESUS Purchase us but: He **rescued us from** the domain of darkness and **transferred us into the kingdom** of HIS beloved SON, (14) in whom we **have redemption**, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13

VII. By GRACE HIS Blood has **FORGIVEN** us

Hebrews 9:22 **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness**

Ephesians 1:7 In Him **WE HAVE redemption** through **HIS BLOOD**, the **forgiveness** of our trespasses, according to the **RICHES OF HIS GRACE**

Hebrews 9:26 He . . . **put away sin** by the sacrifice of Himself

Hebrews 10:17-19 And their sins and their lawless deeds **I will remember no more** (GRACE) **Now there is forgiveness . . .** Therefore, **we have confidence** to enter the HOLY PLACE by the **BLOOD of JESUS**

1 John 3:5 You know that HE appeared to **take away sins**; and **in HIM there is no sin**. We are "in Christ" (Rom. 8:1; 1Cor.1:30; 2Cor.5:17)

Revelation 1:5 To HIM who **loves us** and **released us** from our sins **by HIS BLOOD**

Psalms 103:10-12 HE **has not** dealt with us according to our sins (MERCY) nor **rewarded us** according to our iniquities (MERCY) (11) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, **so great is His lovingkindness** toward those who fear Him. (12) As **far as the east is**

from the west, so far has HE **removed** our transgressions from us.

- All because of The **GRACE** that flows out of HIS **LOVE FOR US**.

Colossians 2:13-15 When you were **dead in your transgressions** and the **uncircumcision of your flesh**, (by HIS GRACE) **HE made you alive** together with HIM, (How?) **having forgiven us all** our transgressions, (How did He do this?) (14) **having canceled out the certificate of debt** consisting of decrees against us (the Law & our sins) which was hostile to us; and **HE has taken it** out of the way, having **nailed it to the cross**. (What was the result of this?) (15) When He had **disarmed the rulers and authorities**

- Satan's armor is his lies & deceit. "angel of light" 2Cor.11:14
- His weapon is sin

HE made a **public display** of them, having **triumphed over them through HIM**.

The Public Display: A Roman general, after he had defeated his enemies, would strip off their armor, their weapons, their clothes and then march his defeated enemy through the streets of Rome. It was a public spectacle and his victory march.

And now He has given us the victory:

1 Corinthians 15:57 **Thanks be to GOD, who gives us the victory through our LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

All because of The GRACE that flows out of HIS LOVE FOR US

VIII. HIS Blood has **Reconciled** us By **HIS GRACE**

To reconcile means: to restore to a **right relationship**.

To restore the relationship HE had with Adam.

Our sin separated us from our Father. Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have made a **separation** between you and your GOD, and **your sins have hidden HIS face** from you so that HE does not hear.

1 Corinthians 5:17-21 GOD **reconciled US** to HIMSELF through CHRIST and **gave US the ministry of reconciliation,**

- Paul is writing to the believers at Corinth. He is saying that every born-again believer **is a minister.** What is our ministry . . . ?

Vs.19 that GOD was in CHRIST **RECONCILING THE WORLD** to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them.

- 1 John 2:2 HE Himself is the propitiation (satisfaction) for **our sins**; and not for ours only, but also for those of **the whole world.**
- John 1:29 Behold the Lamb of GOD who **takes away the sin of the WORLD.**
- This is GOOD NEWS that we are to tell everybody, because

HE has committed **to US the word of reconciliation.** (20) Therefore, we are **ambassadors** for CHRIST, as though GOD were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of CHRIST, **be reconciled to GOD.**

- As ambassadors we are speaking for GOD **as though GOD were making an appeal through us**
- we beg you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to GOD** accept what The LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU. BELIEVE IT !!
- **We have been reconciled** -> restored to a right relationship with The LORD GOD, because . . .

Vs.21 He made HIM who knew no sin to **be sin** for us, **so that we** might become the **righteousness of GOD** in Him.

- It is ALREADY DONE by the **GRACE of GOD** and The BLOOD of JESUS. All that is needed is to BELIEVE and RECEIVE it.

Colossians 1:22 **HE has now reconciled YOU** in His fleshly body through death, **in order to** present **YOU** before HIM **holy** and **blameless** and **beyond reproach**

1 Corinthians 1:8 **HE WILL confirm you to the end, blameless** in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 He who began a good work in you **WILL carry it on to completion** until the day of CHRIST JESUS. What the LORD has begun **HE WILL FINISH. HE WILL NOT LOSE ONE OF HIS.**

Romans 5:10 For if while **WE WERE ENEMIES** we were **reconciled** to God **through the death of His Son**, much more, **having been reconciled, WE SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE.** *Amazing GRACE.*

Not only has HE reconciled **ALL** but HE has also purchased **ALL**

1 Peter 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even **denying** the MASTER who **bought them**, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

HE has **reconciled all** & HE has **purchased all** . . . So does this mean everyone is going to heaven? **NO !**

Matthew 13:13-17 **Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand** (They are not HIS CHILDREN and HE does not want them to understand). . . **otherwise** (if they did understand) **they would see with their**

eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I would heal them. (so they **could believe if they wanted to**, but they will not because their father is the evil one and they are of his seed) **16 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.**

Because YOU ARE HIS CHILD and HE has given YOU THE GIFT of FAITH.

Amazing GRACE

And there is ONE SIN UNTO DEATH.

JESUS said, speaking of the Holy Spirit,: John 16:8-10 **HE will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment; (9) of sin, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN ME.**

- This is the "sin unto death" -> ETERNAL DEATH.

This answers **the question**: "If GOD is a GOD of LOVE, how can HE send anyone to hell?"

The Answer: HE doesn't. People send themselves when they reject HIS GRACE, HIS FREE GIFT that COST HIM such a GREAT PRICE.

We MUST beg them on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God.**

2Cor.5:20

We MUST encourage them **to receive** the **ABUNDANCE of GRACE** and the **GIFT of righteousness** Romans 5:17

It is OUR RESPONSIBILITY, as HIS ambassadors to tell EVERYONE the Good News of what the BLOOD OF JESUS has done for them. We have no idea who will believe and who will not. The first believers could not believe that a person like "Saul" was one of the LORD's children.

Eternal Life is there for anyone who **believes** and **accepts** "The Way, The Truth and The Life" – JESUS CHRIST. (John 14:6)

In other words: the BLOOD of JESUS can be **Received or Rejected**.

IX. The BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST SANCTIFIES or makes us **Holy**. same Greek word. Sanctify is the verb, Holy is the noun

Hebrews 13:12 Therefore Jesus also, that HE might **sanctify** the people **through HIS own Blood**, suffered outside the gate.

The NIV says it this way: And so JESUS also suffered outside the city gate **to make the people holy** through HIS own **blood**.

Hebrews 10:10 By this will **we HAVE BEEN sanctified** (made holy) through the offering of the body of JESUS CHRIST once **for all**.

Acts 26:18 . . . that they **may receive** forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who **have been sanctified BY FAITH IN ME**.

The word, holy or sanctification has two meanings:

A believer is made **HOLY** (pure, clean, righteous) only by the BLOOD of JESUS because "HE who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in Him. 2Cor.5:21

The fact that we are Holy or Sanctified **sets us apart** from all the rest. Sets us apart from the **common** and **ordinary**, and **dedicated** for **special use and privileges**.

You Have Been made HOLY and SET APART from all the rest – Therefore WE SHOULD LIVE THAT WAY.

1 Peter 1:14-16 As **obedient** children, do not be **conformed** to the former **lusts** which were yours in your ignorance, (15) but **like The HOLY ONE** who **called you, be holy yourselves** also in **all your behavior**; (16) because it is written, "**you shall be holy, for I Am Holy**."

You Have Been Set Apart, Dedicated for Special Use & Privileges all by

The *GRACE OF GOD*.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a CHOSEN race, a **royal priesthood**, a **HOLY** nation, a people for God's own possession, (why?) **so that** you may **proclaim** the **excellencies of Him** who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Your words must be backed up by your life.

Exodus 11:4-8 Thus says the LORD, About midnight I am going out into the midst of Egypt, (5) and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, . . . (7) But against any of the sons of Israel a dog will not even bark, whether against man or beast that you may **understand** how **the LORD** makes a **distinction** between Egypt and Israel.

Between His people & the people of the world. As a child of GOD you are DISTINGUISHED from all the rest.

It was the **BLOOD** of the lamb that made the **distinction**, that **set them apart** from all the rest of the people, giving them **special treatment** and **privileges**. By GRACE HIS BLOOD **CLEANSSES** us:

Another vital provision of the BLOOD of Jesus is **continual cleansing** from our **daily sins** which provides – results in – **fellowship / communion / intimacy** with JESUS and with one another.

Read: 1 John 1:5-10 verse 7: **If we walk in the Light** as HE Himself is in the Light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and **the BLOOD of JESUS** His SON **CLEANSSES us from all sin**.

PLEASE NOTICE: this attribute of JESUS' BLOOD is for CLEANSING, resulting in FELLOWSHIP with JESUS and one another.

IT IS **CONDITIONAL** UPON:

What we do – how we live – how we walk (in the Light). This is an important part of our TESTIMONY. How we live day by day and not just what we say.

X. The BLOOD of JESUS continually INTERCEDES for us.

Hebrews 12:22-24 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living GOD, the heavenly Jerusalem, . . . (24) and to JESUS, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the **sprinkled blood, which speaks** better than the blood of Abel.

Cain murdered his brother, Abel. He then tried to disclaim responsibility, but the LORD said: **What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me** from the ground. Genesis 4:10

The voice of Abel's blood cried out for vengeance. The BLOOD of JESUS **speaks better – continually** before the LORD **speaking** out for **MERCY** and **FORGIVENESS** – INTERCEDING FOR US.

The BLOOD of JESUS - by **The GRACE of GOD** - is the ever present, eternal, provision for our Justification, our Righteousness, our Redemption, Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Sanctification, and Cleansing

All Because of

The **GRACE of GOD** and
The **BLOOD** of The LAMB of GOD

JESUS CHRIST

XI. The Will of the LORD will be accomplished because HE IS SOVEREIGN.

Psalm 33:8-12 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of HIM. For **HE spoke, and it was done; HE commanded, and it stood fast.** The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; HE frustrates the plans of the peoples. **The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of HIS heart** from generation to generation. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom **HE has chosen for HIS own inheritance.**

Isaiah 14:24-25 The LORD of hosts has **sworn** saying, "**Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand.**"

Isaiah 43:13 Even from eternity **I AM HE,** And **there is none who can deliver out of MY hand; I act and who can reverse it?**

Isaiah 55:11 So will **MY WORD** be which goes forth from **MY mouth; It will not return to ME empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.**

Luke 10:22 All things have been handed over to ME by MY FATHER, and no one knows who the SON is except The FATHER, and who The FATHER is except the SON, and **anyone to whom the SON WILLS to reveal HIM.**

John 6:39 **This is THE WILL OF HIM** who sent ME, that **of all that HE has given ME I LOSE NOTHING,** but raise it up on the last day.

John 18:9 **to FULFILL THE WORD which HE spoke,** "Of those whom YOU have given ME I lost not one.

Romans 9:11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that **GOD'S PURPOSE** according to **HIS**

CHOICE would stand, not because of works but because of **HIM** who calls

Ephesians 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been **predestined** according to **HIS purpose** who **WORKS ALL THINGS AFTER THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL**

Colossians 1:26-28 that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been **manifested to HIS saints**, (27) **to whom GOD WILLED** to make **known** what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **CHRIST in you**, the hope of glory.

James 1:18 In the **EXERCISE OF HIS WILL HE brought us forth** by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

1 Peter 4:6 For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, **they may live** in the spirit **ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD**.

Jude 24 Now to **HIM** who is able to **keep you** from stumbling, and **TO MAKE YOU STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS GLORY blameless . . .**

My hope is built on nothing less than JESUS's BLOOD and GRACIOUSNESS

If we add or look to **anything else** for our ETERNAL Salvation, we are saying that GRACE and JESUS's BLOOD is NOT ENOUGH !

Hebrews 10:29-30 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the SON of GOD, and has regarded as unclean (or not sufficient) the BLOOD of The COVENANT by which **he was sanctified**, and has insulted the **SPIRIT of GRACE?**

Hebrews 13:9 Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; **for it is good for the HEART to be STRENGTHENED** (empowered) **BY GRACE**, not . . . Titus 3:5 **on the basis of deeds which we have done** (in our strength) **in righteousness**, but according to **HIS MERCY**, by the washing of **regeneration** and **renewing** by the HOLY SPIRIT, 6 whom **HE poured out upon us richly** through JESUS CHRIST our Savior, 7 so that **being justified by HIS GRACE** we would be made heirs according to the **hope of Eternal Life**.

For Eternal Life JESUS CHRIST DID IT ALL and Gives it to us FREELY
BY GRACE YOU ARE SAVED.

- The Rich Young Ruler was **keeping all the law from his youth up**, his works, his strength, and not receiving the FREE GIFT given to us by **the GRACE of GOD**

Hebrews 12:15 **See to it that no one comes short of the GRACE of GOD**; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled

- **coming short** and not receiving **the GRACE of GOD** but being told that we must “keep the law” for Eternal Life makes many bitter against Christianity, especially young people.
- HE gives us **GRACE** (Power) **to forgive** or a **root of bitterness** springs up causing us trouble.

To the **praise** of the **Glory** of **HIS GRACE**, which HE **freely** bestowed on us in the BELOVED.

All Because of

The GRACE of GOD

The BLOOD of The LAMB of GOD

JESUS CHRIST

Thanks be to GOD who GIVES us the VICTORY
Grace through our Lord JESUS CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 15:57