

GRACE UPON GRACE

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GREETINGS: It is so good for me to come and minister to you today I'm very excited about the message that I am going to bring to you today. I am going to talk about grace upon grace... what that means. Our scripture verse is going to be from John chapter 1 verses 12-17. We are going to just look at what John was bringing when he was saying, "We have received grace upon grace." It is such an abundance of grace! It's such a great thing to know that we can live by the grace of God and not the law of Moses.

The law was given by Moses, a mortal man, but grace came by the immortal Jesus Christ. I just trust that this message is going to bless you. I've just preached it in Afrikaans and now I am going to preach it in English and it excites me, it blesses me. It brings peace into the here and now. This message is going to have a lot of practical implication on how we should think today and what a relieved mind is and so forth.

A little bit of background on John, here: When John was written, it was written a long time after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, John already understood what the resurrection was about. And although the letter is written in a way, and also a lot of the other gospel is written, as if it's telling the story of Jesus. In the same way as what is telling the story, it is actually telling the story of what the resurrection means and who Jesus is. We need to read the conclusion of the resurrection and Jesus, Lord, into all these passages. And that is what we are going to do.

John starts out and he explains in the first chapter that there was a promise which was before the world began. The whole world was created with this promise in mind. Everything was formed by this promise. It would be something like, 'I promise I've got a big promise that I made my son that I will give him a successful business.' Then you will find that everything that was created, in order to bring that forth, was basically created by that promise. Because that promise was made, a lot of things were created by that promise. In the very same way, everything that was created was created by this word, the word of God promising us eternal life, which turned out to be the resurrected Jesus Christ... the Word that became flesh, this message that came and dwelt, tabernacled, amongst us.

It starts out by saying that there was a promise. This promise then became flesh. This promise was prophesied by the Jewish people. But the Jewish people who talked about this promise, who prophesied about this promise, to whom God spoke to about this promise for many years, who was supposed to be the carriers of the promise to the Gentiles... they did not accept Jesus. They didn't accept Him. Now the focus was not on how they did not accept Him, although that plays an important part in the whole letter. But he came and explained what takes place when Jesus is accepted.

He says in **John 1:12** *But as many as received him* (As many as received Jesus), *to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

That word, received, there, I am just going to read it in the Greek: The word, receive, lambano, means to take; in the very applications, literally or figuratively, to get a hold of and to apply; to take with the hand, to lay hold of, any person or thing in order to use it; to take up a thing to be carried; to take upon one's self.

In other words, what he says here is that when they, when you, lambano Jesus, you basically say, "I take Him upon me to carry Him. "To carry Him" means what you would take anything that you want to carry. You don't take it to put it down. You take it as if you are going to be with this now for a while. In the very same way, it says here, ***But as many as received him*** (Jesus), ***to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:***

Now this is a massive statement made in those times! You need to understand that the Greeks of that time, and their beliefs and how all of that was spilled over into the Roman Empire, and everything that was going along with that, when they were talking about the gods they believed in, these immortals that lived in the heavens. And if you would then become a son of a god, you are basically then declaring yourself higher than any of the rulers of the earth. That is a political influence that you would have had. It is a political statement. You would basically say that, because you must remember that it was believed that Augustus became a god. The Caesars would believe that when they died, they became gods and sons of gods. That's what they believed. And now here you come and you say that if you believe in Jesus you have the right to now become a son of a God. Now that is something inside the understanding of the beliefs of that time.

So, he who has then grabbed a hold of Jesus, with a purpose to make use of Him, he has received the power, the exousia, the authority, to find his own life being born of God... to become a son of God, these are those who believe on His name. Now, what does that mean? If you go and read Acts chapter 2, after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Peter comes and he says, "I want to tell you guys what happened. I just want to tell you Jews what happened here. What is done now, this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is Jesus who has now poured out the Holy Spirit, the One whom you murdered!" That's what he said. "You killed Him but God raised the One, whom you killed, from the dead, and He then placed Him at the right hand of God and He is alive, bodily, and He is now, actively, busy ministering in the world, right now! He is pouring out the Spirit of life on flesh and that has a certain implication. He is bringing His life, His rulership, His kingdom, into manifestation in this earth.

Then he goes and he basically tells them, "Go and be baptized in His name!" That would mean, "Go and declare that He is Lord!" Peter preached and said to them, "Be it known to you that He has made this Jesus that was raised from the dead, both Messiah and Lord,"

That means a very, very, powerful saying, something that is not very spiritual but that pertains to the physical things of this world. He says, "Let me tell you that this Jesus, who was raised from the dead, is greater than Caesar in this earth. He is the Jewish Messiah which is the One which was to believe to deliver people from all the rulership of Rome and everybody who was oppressing the Jews. He's the One! In other words, He is greater than all these powers. He has more of an influence in this physical world than any of those people. He's greater than Herod. He's greater than Caesar. He's greater than any of those things!" That is a powerful, powerful, statement! I tell you, if we preach the Gospel today the way it was preached back then, we will be in as much trouble as what they were then.

But I think we have a gospel that is not completely focused towards the grace of God and what the grace of God is, but a gospel that is, so many times, focused just on, "How am I going to get through the day?" It's a gospel that is so much focused on what I must do for God, the works of the law, my holiness, my righteousness, and what I do for God every day and am I going to make it to heaven!

Church, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not the message on how you are going to make it to heaven one day! The Gospel is the Good News of the amalgamation, or the kingdom of God taking over the earth by people believing upon Jesus as Lord! Back then they were saying, "Caesar is lord". But now, John came and Peter came and these people said, "Jesus is Lord! He is the Christ!" If Jesus was made Lord and Christ, the Jews were waiting for a Christ that would be the ruler of the whole world and deliverer of Israel, implementing that which God had for the world. Then the non-Jews, the Romans, believed in the lord. That was their word for ruler. Or the Jews also believed in a king. So here we find, "Jesus is this now. Jesus is this. He's the One and if you believe in Him, He will pour out His Spirit on your flesh and circumcise your flesh from the fruit of the flesh and bring in things like love and contentment and peace and joy and all those kinds of things, to people's lives. And so, He will govern, in this world, bringing life to people and then in the end, He will preserve the world and every person forever through this power that He is pouring out by Jesus Christ."

But as many as received him...

I don't think I can emphasize enough... received Him doesn't mean that I just say that I accept that He is an historic figure that died and was raised. No. To receive Him means, "I grab ahold of His rulership and I, now, carry that." I say, "I take what He has come to do upon my life." I say, "He is Lord of this earth. His kingdom is now here. I am under the jurisdiction of His kingdom. I'm being governed by His love. I'm being governed by how much He cares for me, how much He loves me, how He preserves. I'm not governed by my own willpower anymore. I'm not governed by ethnicity anymore. The reference I make to myself and who and what I am and what I am designed for is the resurrected Jesus. It's not found in the things of this world or the governments of this world or any of that! I am now a soldier of Christ." When Paul uses that, he says, "Listen, once you become a soldier under a certain power, you cannot be entangled again with the affairs of the world anymore. You're not in any of that so when we are now under the power of the kingdom of God, we are not entangled anymore with the affairs of this world.

As Christians we are now standing under how loved we are by God:
how cared for we are by God,
how He is the source of a new life for us,
how He brings abundance of joy and peace for us,
how He is the One who cares for us! Glory to God!
How He, by His power, works things out and brings life to us where we can enter into His rest.

This is very interesting: A king rested after He has conquered the enemy and his rulership is now taking over. In other words, if we look back at colonialism, if a country would come and take over another country by the sword, and they have now conquered the enemy, although there might still be some people that is against it, once they've conquered, you'll find that the king has now entered into his rest. He is resting from the battle because he has now conquered. And after the conquering it is not as if the king does not do anything. He, then, actively goes and establishes his rule inside his rest from battle. So, he is not in a battle anymore. He's resting now. I am now, we are now, believing in God and we are entering into His rest. That means that He is not in a battle anymore but establishing that which He wanted to establish in our lives.

So, when we rest in Jesus is when we are saying, "Whatever I need for life and godliness is in Jesus and only in Jesus." Hallelujah! That makes me so, so, happy! I'm so grateful for that! I'm so flooded with joy when I realize that the only reference point I have about my life and your life is the resurrected Jesus. When I look at your life and I see your life is not in the order where God brings it, which is to believe upon Jesus, then I will come and I will preach and say, and I will encourage, or the big English word there is, beseech you. Beseech means to encourage or comfort. When you see somebody's life is now being based on works or whatever, you need to come and comfort him with the message of how God has come and He has brought Jesus and get that person to receive Christ for who He is and how effective He works in this world.

Do you know that the scripture says that those who believe upon Jesus will inherit the earth. The meek, those who accept Jesus, shall inherit the whole earth. It doesn't say that we will fight for the earth. It doesn't say that we will be in battle for the earth. It says that we shall inherit this whole earth. That is our inheritance! We inherit the fullness of the Godhead plus the whole earth! That will be the place of our influence and as we see now, we don't see everything yet manifesting in that way and we are not now fighting for it. We are just saying that Jesus is doing His thing and I just believe and I have a life born from Him in this world where I love and I care and I just see Him loving me. That's how it works.

John 1:

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power (their very life born from God as the source) **to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**

13 (These are those who don't owe their birth to blood) **Which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

Can you see here that the life that He gives is not born from our willpower. It's neither born from ethnicity. It's not found in promises made to Jews only. It's not in that! It's not found in what group of people you are. It is found in God bringing life to us.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Now listen to this. This is where it becomes so beautiful. He says that as they, John and them, beheld the glory of God in Jesus. What was that? I believe that John can refer to the vision he saw on the mountain when Jesus was glorified there. It is talking about Him being bodily glorified which actually took place later on in His resurrection and ascension. These people saw the resurrected Christ. They also saw Him ascending on high seated at the right hand of the Father. These people also testified about people like Stephen who said, "I see the Son of man seated at the right hand of God." That's the glory he is talking about.

When he said that He came and dwelt amongst us, he's talking about the Word of life becoming a human and now, and as a human, being glorified. That's what he is talking about.

And from this, he says, ***and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.***

So, when you behold the resurrected Jesus and you see that He is full of grace, what does that mean? He says, "***We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.***" So, he says, "Jesus, the resurrected, was full of grace... not full of the law... not full of works' righteousness... full of grace and truth! In other words, full of grace and then truthfulness--- what God truly had in mind from the beginning... that which is real.

Colossians explains this.

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

And we beheld the grace of God... His fullness... He was full of grace. What is this fullness? It's the fullness of the Godhead, the fullness of God.

When they say, "We beheld His fullness", it means He was filled with grace. This grace is the fullness of God. We beheld Jesus, full of God, bodily." That is what he was beholding and being bodily full of God was called grace.

This is a very important point. Let me stretch this a little bit: Jesus was raised from the dead. Then it says in John 1, that He came and dwelt among us and we saw His fullness and we received of His fullness. We saw His fullness. The fullness of Jesus was grace and truth... true reality. He was full of grace. His fullness was grace. What was His fullness? His fullness was God Himself!

So, the grace that they saw in Jesus was to see the fullness of God, bodily, in a human. So, God graced Jesus by raising Him from the dead and then manifesting the fullness of God, bodily, in Jesus. I need to go to Hebrews quickly. I am going to try to translate this from the Afrikaans direct translation. I am going to try to have a direct English translation from the Afrikaans direct translation from the Greek.

In the old times, God spoke in different ways to people in different times but these last times, He's spoken to us through His Son. He has appointed as the heir of all things through whom he also created the world. He is the express image, or the radiation, of God's glory, the very manifestation of His being.

In Afrikaans, the very express image of his very being.

So, when the grace of God, defined by John, is the very being of God, bodily, in Jesus. It is God becoming flesh. The fullness of God manifested in human body to forever be like that. That is called the grace of God, according to John.

He says, "As many as received Him, as many as received this Jesus who bodily has the fullness of God, to them they received the authority to have the fullness of God that was born in Jesus, bodily, starting to give birth to a new flesh taking place, born in them by God." Oh, my goodness! This makes me happy!

Now, just for South Africans watching this, I know we have a lot of South Africans more and more. I am so happy for the South Africans watching these messages. You know, I think I was always like 80% American but now we are going to 50/50, getting more viewers from Africa and South Africa.

This will be so applicable to us: When we look at the right we have to have a bodily rebirth wherein the fullness of God is, gives birth to our bodies, so that our bodies can now be the carriers of the fullness of God, we don't have to relate to ourselves anymore according to the political agendas of people, especially in South Africa, where the whole thing is built on race. We are free! We are free for the truth about the matter is found in the resurrected Jesus. Glory to God! Hallelujah! Oh, this is good news! This is absolutely, good, good, good news! I will say, "This is the only Good News that truly matters!"

Let's go back again. ***For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.***

Let's go back to ***John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory*** (This is talking about the resurrected Jesus and not talking about Mary and Jesus, because it is beholding), ***the glory as of the only begotten of the Father*** (Talking about the only begotten, the resurrected Christ), ***) full of grace and truth.***

Jesus' fullness was grace. The synonym for that grace is the fullness of God. So, when you are under grace is when the fullness of God starts to manifest in you by God and not your own power. That's grace.

We beheld his glory... We beheld the fullness of Jesus. We beheld the glory of God, the glory of Jesus, as the only begotten. So, the glory, the express image, the light that shines out of Jesus, called the grace of Jesus, is actually the fullness of God that has now being incarnated into human flesh, the man Jesus. That is called grace.

If you want to know what grace looks like, grace is the fullness of God in a human body called Jesus.

And now the scripture goes on. **John 1:16 *And of his fulness we have received, and grace for grace...*** (God on our bodies now) **for** (because of God in the body of Jesus)) Glory to God! I tell you, man, I can understand why some of these Pentecostals get that, what you call a Pentecostal or Holy Ghost fit. They start to run and jump. That's how I feel! I am just very happy for this message! I am very happy! I am happy for this truth! Glory to God! You know, if you say the name, Jesus, and you say any of these other political leaders' names in South Africa, I mean, when you mention their names and my future and what God has for me, if you mention their name next to the name of Jesus, it's as good as if you said nothing! It just means nothing in the light of what is taking place here.

John says, "Before the world was there was a promise that God had. And He made everything with this promise in mind. He created everything. Then this promise became flesh and dwelt amongst us and we saw what God has promised us. We see that God has promised God in human flesh and as we behold this glory, we saw the grace of God. We saw His fullness, the fullness of God bodily, and we call this grace. And we, of His fullness, have received God on our flesh because of God on the flesh of Jesus, whom He made Lord and King and Messiah of this earth. Hallelujah!

Well, you know what? Let me put it this way and just make it relevant for now and what is going on in countries that need it, relevant for them for now. I don't care who rises to power. As long as Jesus was raised from the dead, that is of very little significance in the greater scheme of things. I behold and those who have grabbed a hold of Jesus, who has received Him as their Leader, who has received Him as their Lord, who's received Him as the One that gives them life. To them He has given the power and the authority to have their life, to have God on their flesh, giving birth to God in them. To those who have not received that fully, but also received other things, they have the right and the power to have those other things give birth to their emotions, to give birth to what is going on in their lives. Hallelujah! Glory to God! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is King!

When they heard this in the early Church, they were overwhelmed. They were saying, "God has gifted us with life!" They were so blessed with the gift that God has given them. They were so overwhelmed by this power that they started to care for the widows and the orphans. Those who had extra land basically said, "Listen man, I've got so much land. What is it for me? My life doesn't consist anymore in the abundance of my possessions but my life consists in God on my flesh bringing me eternal life. Let me help some folk!" That's what they did!

I'm not trying to promote Communism. That is not what it was. Those people still owned a lot of stuff but there was something that the people in Acts, said. The gift that came to them, their assurance of life, their assurance that they are cared for, their assurance that God has blessed them, that they are not governed and ruled anymore by the people of that world and their systems. But they were bodily standing under Grace which is called God on human flesh. They were so set free that they had a love inside them that they cared for others. Hallelujah!

If you have not listened to my message that I preached last week, go and listen to it where it talks about the leaven of Herod. You know a little bit about that. Herod was a king just before Jesus came. He expanded the temple. He is still known today in the Herodian style of buildings. In building styles, he was just so extravagant. He built things so beautifully! He extended the temple. He built something for God so big but he also built three temples for Caesar where there was Caesar worship. Herod tried to have all the sides instead of just believing in God. He was playing the game with Caesar trying to get his kingdom to advance by also amalgamating the two, mixing things together. You have to go and listen to last week's message. I just feel that the empty grave thunders the rulership of Christ over our lives. It thunders the end of human will power where we try to make things work. Where we can come and we are beholding the grace, the fullness of Jesus and of His fullness, have we received.

What was His fullness? We beheld His fullness. It was grace and then the truth. Truth means truthfulness and the real thing... the real, real, real thing... no more shadow. Nothing... the truth of what God had in mind. John said, "We beheld the truth." We beheld the fullness of God bodily. We beheld the express image of God in a human body. And as we beheld this grace, the fullness of the Godhead in the human body, we, of the fullness of the Godhead in a human body, received God on our bodies by Jesus pouring out the Spirit on our flesh. And as He is conquering sin in our flesh, we are finding love and peace and joy and kindness and goodness and all those things manifesting in our lives. Hallelujah! Glory to God! This makes me so, so, happy!

Let's just go back to **Colossians 2:8** Listen to the warning that Paul has here...

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men after the rudiments of the world (After the basic principles by which we all know this world works), and not after Christ.

When Paul says, "Christ", here, he is talking about Lord. He is talking about Jesus being the Lord of the earth. He is talking about Jesus who started His ministry at the beginning of the gospel. (Go and read Mark there and go and look at Theophilus. Go and read Luke there, Acts 1. I did write to you about the beginning of Jesus' ministry but He is continuing in His ministry.) So, Jesus' ministry began. He was born. He walked on the earth. He did certain things and then He died and then He was raised. And now Acts is about the continuation of Jesus' physical ministry on the earth which will end in the glorious explosion of all things into immortality by God's fullness on this earth through the man, Jesus Christ.

When Paul says, "Don't let any man spoil you through philosophies..." because there were philosophies and they were traditions of men whereby they ran the things of this world. And he says, "Don't let them spoil you through the rudiments." Rudiments means the root principles of this world and not after Christ, where you say, "Christ is Lord." Don't be spoiled by that.

Now listen to what he is saying because what they were teaching was that you are not good enough just as you are as a believer in Jesus. You, in your flesh, need more things. You need to submit to the Jewish customs." So, people came and said, "Okay, you believe in Jesus." But then they thought, "Well, these Christians are very loving, good folk, but we can now get them for our own gain." And what happened? Go and study Colossians for yourself. Go and study Galatians and Ephesians. You find certain groups of people come and they thought, "Let us see if we can win this group for ourselves as well." Then the Pharisees came and they said, "Well, listen guys, we want you to basically back us", but we are not going to say it that way. We are going to say is, "Yes, you believe in Jesus but we are going to show what you lack. Then we are going to offer that as well. Then what we offer as well, you are going to become complete."

Colossians 2:

9 And Paul said, "Don't let them do that *for in Him (Jesus, Christ), dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*

10 *And you* (who have Christ, who have the Spirit of Christ) **are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:**

They came and tried to sell principality and power. We see principality and power as demon power. No! He was not talking about that. He was talking about the influence of the Pharisees, the influence of the Judaizers, the influence of the Herodians, the influence of the Sadducees and all these people with their groups and their plans on how to make things work. He said, "Listen! Don't be cheated by these folks. You believe in Jesus! In Him is the fullness of the Godhead bodily. You believe in Him and you will see how He organizes things." Glory to God! Isn't that beautiful!

You are complete in Him... fulfilled in Him, filled!" Let us read the Greek: Filled: To make replete, that is to cram into a net; to level up; to be full;

Thayer:

- 1) to make full, to fill up, i.e. to fill to the full
- 1a) to cause to abound, to furnish or supply liberally
- 1a1) I abound, I am liberally supplied
- 2) to render full, i.e. to be completed by God

Glory to God! How do we see this kingdom manifest in the earth? According to John, "We see it, people hear it, and they grab Jesus. Then things happen. That's how it works. The grace is for all and upon them that have believed.

And don't let anybody come with their thing of certain authorities and principalities and spoil you through the basic principles on which this whole world runs." That is what he says.

"...through philosophy" through the sciences of this world, skillful art of this world. Don't let it cheat you! You can be happy right now. I, especially want to say to our South African friends, "You can be happy right now!" "Yes, but Bertie, you don't know what is going on in the world!"

Maybe we shouldn't know so much about what is going on in the world. But, we should know what is going on in the heavens from which rulership we live in this world.

"Our Father which art in heaven hallowed be Your name." You are the One from where all that is eternal flowed.

"Hallowed be Your name" Hallowed is Your name in my life! i

"Your kingdom come" into my life. That is acceptance of Christ and we pray it every day. We continually accept that.

"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

"Give us this day our daily bread" Today, I daily, meditate upon the body, our daily bread... You daily give me Jesus. I daily accept Jesus. Thank You, Lord! And from this Jesus I acknowledge that there is no more such a thing as Jew and Gentile. I forgive. I see a separation of me and other people from the enmity which was the law. And we live in the abundance of the rule of Jesus Christ! We are the heirs of the kingdom. We are the heirs of the fullness of God and even this whole earth belongs to us and we are not going to try and fight to take what is already ours with power. We wait until the day of the resurrection of Christ. And in the meantime, right now, we live under the rule of the Spirit on our flesh." Acts: Chapter 2.... Man, Peter nailed them!

Here, they are in the Upper Room. Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit on flesh. That means that Jesus is still working in the earth today. He pours out the Spirit on all flesh. They start to preach the Gospel in every language. The question they asked, and this is the right question which we also should ask, "What does that mean?" Some said, "They are drunk." Peter said, "Listen, it is nine o'clock in the morning. Maybe if it was four, you could have, you know, some people are already drunk at that time or six in the evening, some are drunk but this is nine in the morning. These people are not drunk as you suppose but this is Jesus who has poured out the Spirit on these people. And let me tell you about this Jesus. This is the dude you guys killed, but God raised Him from the dead and put Him at the right hand of God where this Human now has rulership over all that is physical as God has." Glory to God!

They were cut to the heart. "What shall we do?" Be baptized into His name! What does that mean? It means, "I accept Him as Lord of heaven and physical earth. And you shall receive from the fullness of the Godhead, bodily, on your flesh. Hallelujah! Isn't that absolutely awesome! You shall receive of His fullness upon your flesh. And they did it and the Bible, in Acts, says that these people were changed. They were made new! And from that day on all that it was about is keeping your eyes on Jesus and only Jesus. Glory to God!

Colossians 2:

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And you are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

11 In whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

When Jesus was raised from the dead, was circumcised from a mortal body in which there could be temptation and all that. And we now, as we see the fullness of the Godhead in Jesus, bodily, in the resurrection, we are beholding the grace of God. And as we see this fullness and we accept it, we are receiving grace because of this grace. Because Jesus was raised, we are now being graced and we are being circumcised from the deadness of our flesh and that is how the fruit of the Spirit manifests in our lives. Glory to God! Like I used to say, "Put that in your pipe and smoke it and see how high you can get! Hallelujah! This is the Good News of Jesus!

I want to end off with this:

Galatians 1:

1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace be to you (Grace be to you, grace be to you, the power of the fullness of God on human flesh because Jesus is Lord to you.) and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 1:2 Grace be to you, Hallelujah! Isn't that powerful!

Philippians 1:2 Grace be to you,

We are graced. We have received grace, the fullness of God on human flesh, because of the fullness of God on human flesh is you. And so, we have been circumcised from sin in the flesh. And His name is above **all** power and **all** principalities. Glory to God! That's why, as for me, just say, "As for me I am not very much concerned who is the next political leader, for Jesus is Lord! I believe it with all my heart. I believe it. I submit myself to it. And as I behold the fullness of the God-head bodily and I don't mix that with anything, I find that comes to my life and I find peace and joy and love in me.

And I know whosoever accepts that, knowing it is above all power and all principality and it cannot be overthrown. It cannot be managed by people, pushed out by people, nothing! As those who believe that, they find the same and that is how we see the world come to a change by people believing this message.

So, let us not water it down. Let us preach it. Let us believe it. It is the Gospel! Hallelujah! Glory to God! Who can overthrow the kingdom of God! Where is Rome today? I mean, they had all their principles. They had their leaders. They had people thinking, "We must have this. We must..." Where is Rome today! It's a tourist attraction! It's gone!

Where is the temple that the Herodians were so much about? Where's the temple that the Jews fought for today, where they thought, "Let us fight for this thing and keep pushing it into the Roman atmosphere here." Where is that today? It's gone! And that which people mocked, which they thought was nothing, which was Christianity, where's that today? Let us learn and see what God has done. It's just going to be that way. It's going to continue that way and we will see the fullness of the glory of God flooding the earth as God has promised. Hallelujah!

Well, I think I have said enough. I am so, so, happy! Paul starts all his letters: "Grace to you. Grace to you. Grace to you."

We are preaching the gospel of grace! We are under the grace of God. In Acts, they went and saw the grace of God. They saw the influence of the resurrected Jesus on human flesh as people's lives were changed! We are under the Gospel of Grace! It gives us life! Let us accept Jesus as Lord. Amen and amen

Thank you so much that I could serve you with this message today. Grace to you and peace. Peace means harmony between you and God and groups of people. There are no more Jew and Gentile... One flesh before God! Grace to you, my friend! God bless...