

GRACE THAT IS GREATER THAN ALL OUR SIN

I. SAVING GRACE (Titus 2:11, 14)

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might *redeem us* from all iniquity, and *purify* unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,

A. Grace that is initiated by the **love** and **kindness** of God

Tit 3:4 But after that the **kindness** and **love** of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

B. Grace that manifests the abundant **mercy** of God

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his **mercy** he saved us, by the washing of **regeneration**, and **renewing** of the Holy Ghost;

C. Grace that **justifies** the sinner

Tit 3:7 That being **justified** by his grace, we should be **made heirs** according to the hope of eternal life.

D. Grace where God **saves** our lives before our salvation

E. Grace that springs from the ultimate **sacrifice** of Christ

II. SANCTIFYING GRACE (Titus 2:12)

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

A. Grace that enables us to live **soberly** – **controlling our desires**

B. Grace that enables us to live **righteously** – **truth ruling our inner being**

C. Grace that enables us to live **godly** – **a testimony of Christian virtue**

III. SEEKING GRACE (Titus 2:13)

Tit 2:13 Looking for that **blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

A. Seeking the **coming** of the Savior is bases upon hope

B. Knowing that the coming of Christ will be **glorious** (**deliverance**)

IV. SERVING GRACE (Titus 2:14; 2 Timothy 2:1)

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A. Not **sidetracked** in our service

B. **Striving** for the mastery in our service

C. Willingness to enduring **suffering** in our service

D. Serving the Lord through diligence and obedience to God's **Word**

E. Serving for the **glory** of God and not for our own personal **glory**

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* **To be strong in grace is to strongly depend upon the Lord to give you the strength to have victory in any and all areas of your life.**

* **Serving grace is enabling grace.** Christ giving you the ability to have victory in all things.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

I. WE ARE TO SERVE AS STEWARDS: **SOUL WINNERS, DISCIPLERS, MENTORS AND ENCOURAGERS** (2 Timothy 2:2; Mat. 25:15-28)

- A. Train our children
- B. Older women are to train younger women
- C. All believers are to disciple new converts

II. WE ARE TO SERVE AS SOLDIERS (2 Timothy 2:3-4; 8-13)

- A. Endure hardness: don't quit, grow weary or run (2 Timothy 2:3)
- B. Avoid entanglements (2 Timothy 2:4)
- C. He serves his King & Country (2 Timothy 2:8)
- D. He fights with and for his fellow soldiers (2 Timothy 2:9)

III. WE ARE TO SERVE AS ATHLETES (2 Timothy 2:5)

- A. Strive lawfully: according to God's word
- B. Strive to obtain the crown: there are 5 crowns in Scripture
1Co 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. **25** And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. **26** I therefore so run, not as

uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: **27** But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

IV. WE ARE TO SERVE THE LORD AS FARMERS (2 Timothy 2:6)

- A. Sow – Sow the gospel, Sow to the Spirit and not the Flesh (Gal. 6:7-9)
- B. Water
- C. Weed
- D. Gather in the harvest
- E. Partake – eating that which we have sown and reaped (good or bad)

V. WE ARE TO SERVE AS DILIGENT STUDENTS (2 Timothy 2:15-19)

- A. We are to study to pass and not fail (rightly dividing the Word) (15)
- B. We are to shun wrong teaching (leading to ungodliness) (16)
- C. Eradicate false doctrine that overthrows some believers faith (2 Tim. 2:17-18)

VI. WE ARE TO SERVE THE LORD AS HONORABLE CHRISTIANS (2 Tim. 2:19-22)

- A. Those who claim to know the Lord must depart from sin (2:19)
- B. There are vessels of honor and vessels of dishonor (2:20)
- C. Believers are to be vessels of honor, sanctified for God's use (2:21-22)

VII. WE ARE TO SERVE THE LORD AS HUMBLE SERVANTS (2 Tim. 2:24-26)

- A. God's servant must not cause conflicts but be unifiers (2 Tim. 2:24)
 1. Through kindness
 2. Through clear instruction in the truth
 3. Through their patience with people
- B. Humbly continuing to correct wrong thinking (2 Tim. 2:25, 26)
 1. Hoping for repentance to acknowledge the truth
 2. Knowing that Satan controls people through wrong thinking