

Definitions of

① the free unmerited love and favor of God, of all the benefits man receive from him

GOD'S GRACE - the spring and source of all the benefits man receive from him

CBS 5

> Text: Ephesians 2:8-9

> Intro:

o In "Some Day the Silver Cord Will Break," Fanny Crosby

says:

- Some day the silver cord ~~will~~ break.
- And I no more as now shall sing;
- But O, the joy when I shall wake
- Within the palace of the King!
- And I shall see Him face to face.
- And tell the story, saved by grace;
- And I shall see Him face to face,
- And tell the story. Saved by grace.

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② G = God's  
R = Riches  
A = AT  
C = Christ  
E = Expense

③ God gives us something we don't deserve

o In this message let us consider "God's Grace."

> I. The grace of God brings salvation to mankind - (Titus 2:11).

- o God's grace is so powerful that it makes salvation available to all people.
- o This has been and is being revealed to mankind.
- o This is a result of God's favor, which is God's only way of presenting salvation.

> II. The grace of God saves the believing sinner - (Eph. 2:8-9).

- o Salvation cannot be achieved by the sinner through his own merit or by any other means which he can produce.
- o No one can boast that they did anything to achieve salvation.
- o Through humility every individual must admit that his salvation is only by God's free gift through a personal faith in His Son.

> III. The grace of God forgives - (Eph. 1:7).

- o Sin is the transgressing of the law of God.
- o How could the price be paid to set free the person who was bound because he had transgressed the law of God?
- o There is only one answer.
- o The price could only be paid by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus, who freely forgives those who acknowledge Him as their personal Saviour.

> IV. The grace of God justifies the believing sinner - (Rom. 3:24).

- o The word justification means that the believing sinner appears in the sight of God as if he never sinned.
- o The person may have broken the Ten Commandments and have multiplied his sinfulness, but, as a free gift, he has a right to stand before God because he has believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted God's gift of salvation.

> V. The grace of God establishes the believer (Heb. 13:9).

- o The Christian should not be swept away with strange teachings.
- o To avoid being carried away by strange doctrines the believer is to be established in grace, which permits him to have spiritual stability against things which would hinder his spiritual development.

> VI. The grace of God causes the believer to endure sorrow - (II Cor. 12:9). illustration Apostle Paul vs 7-9

- o The spiritual strength which God gives to the believer is sufficient for every need and every trial of life.
- o When the believer is weak, he needs to remember that he is indwelt by the Holy Spirit and that it is through the Holy Spirit and Christ abiding in him that he receives the strength that he needs. - Just as the Apostle Paul

> VII. The grace of God makes the believer totally what he is - (I Cor. 15:10a,b). realized

- o The Apostle Paul, in making an analysis of his life, recognized that it was by God's grace that he was the person that he was.
- o The gift of grace was not unfruitful in his life. Rather, he believed that everything that he was could be attributed to God working in him.