**The Power of Grace**

***Ephesians 2:5*** *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, [by grace you are saved.]*

***Ephesians 2:8*** *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

***9*** *Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

***10*** *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

**Quickened** made alive together again in Him

**Grace-**The divine influence of God upon the heart and its reflection in the life therein, favor

**Save** to deliver, to rescue, to protect, to heal, preserve, make whole

**Salvation** deliverance, prosperity, victory, health, welfare

**Faith** persuasion, moral conviction especially that you can rely upon Christ for your salvation

**Workmanship** product, thing made

Salvation is the theme of the whole Bible. God wants to save us **[rescue]** from the bondage of sin and the condemnation that comes with it. God wants to save us so that we can walk in our true identity! We are sons of God, created in the image of our father, full of His power and might, destined to rule, reign and take dominion over all things. God wants us to enjoy a “God quality” life. He wants us to be prosperous, healthy and filled with victory.

God has provided everything that we need, but those provisions come as we begin to realize who we are. We are called to glory and virtue.

***2 Peter 1:3*** *According as his divine power has given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*

How does God save us? He does it by grace. Grace is God through the Holy Spirit changing the way we think. The things of the kingdom are accessed through revelation! God reveals himselfw to us through the Holy Spirit. No man can come to the Father unless the Spirit draws him. Grace is God working from the inside out writing his words on our hearts.

***2 Corinthians 3:3*** *Forasmuch as you are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart*.

***3***:***6*** *Who hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

Remember, when the law is read, it is like a veil is over our eyes and we cannot see spiritual truth. The law disqualifies us and keeps us from realizing that we were created in the image of God.

**2 Corinthians 3:14-15**

***Romans 7:14*** *For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.*

***15*** *For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.*

***16*** *If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.*

***17*** *Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

***18*** *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

God does for us what we can not do for ourselves! We are saved by grace through faith **[persuasion that we can count on him to supply everything we need]**. It is not our faith. It is his faith. He persuades us in a way that we cannot persuade ourselves. He gives us the power to believe by giving us a revelation of himself and his provision. His grace provides us with “aha moments” that gives us the ability to put our confidence in him and to believe. We are his workmanship!

When the Holy Spirit begins to write God’s law upon our hearts, it makes walking with God a delight.

***Psalms 40:6 Amp*** *Sacrifice and offering You do not desire, nor have You delight in them; You have given me the capacity to hear and obey [Your law, a more valuable service than] burnt offerings and sin offerings [which] You do not require.*

***Psalms 40:8 Amp*** *I delight to do Your will, O my God; yes, Your law is within my heart. [Heb. 10:5-9.]*

I believe that we don’t really understand just how much power the Holy Spirit within us has. We often have more confidence in our flesh to “work” the things of God. We really don’t understand that *grace* is what really causes us to will and to do of God’s good pleasure! **Philippians 2:13**

A few years ago, a pastor invited us to share the discipleship program with the association of pastors that he was head of. We felt led to give him a copy of Andrew Wommack’s book on “*Spirit Soul and Body.”* After he read it, he changed his mind. He told us that although he believed what he was reading about grace, he could not allow us to teach it to his association members because it would just give them a license to sin. What he was really saying is that he did not really understand the concept of grace. Grace is the power of God at work on the inside of us changing the way we think which changes the way we act. He had more confidence in his ability to keep the people walking with God through his message of fear and condemnation than he had in the power of the Holy Spirit to influence the way they think and act.

Grace is God opening our eyes to see spiritual truths through the revelation power of the Holy Spirit.