

# The True Grace of God

# Grace

## Titus 3 . . .

4: kindness . . . love

5: mercy . . . saved

7: justified by His grace

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## John 1 . . .

14: Word is full of grace – inexhaustible supply

- His words filled with undeserved favor for guilty sinners
- His miracles of healing are acts of undeserved favor
- His death is greatest act of undeserved favor

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## John 1 . . .

**14:** Word is full of grace – inexhaustible supply

**16:** we receive grace for grace (*in exchange for*)

- Waves
- Travel
- 1 Tim.1:14-15

**17:** law given through Moses; grace came through Jesus Christ

- Emphasis of Law: *pay what you owe*
- Grace: *you cannot pay debt; I forgive all*

# Grace

1 Pt.5:12, true grace of God...

Jd.4, certain men crept in unnoticed...who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ

Issue is NOT whether we are saved by grace, but the connection of grace to other things

We MUST get this right

2 Kings 5, Naaman's cure from leprosy illustrates this concept without using "grace"

# I. Grace and Word of God, 2 K.5:1-10

- Naaman had several strikes against him:
  - Syrian (foreigner)
  - captain of army
  - enemy of Israel
  - owned Israelite girl (2)
  - idolater, 18
- What did God owe Naaman? Lk.4:27
  - This was our condition: Ro.3:23; Ep.2:12

- God could have cured Naaman immediately / directly without means
- He used means: language / words / commands
  - 3: girl's wish
  - 4: Naaman heard about it
  - 5: told king; sent Naaman to Israel's king
  - 6-7: heathen king knew more than Israel's
  - 8: prophet (mouthpiece for God)
  - 9: words put sick man in contact with prophet (mouthpiece for God)
  - 10: words give him directions for cure



## *True grace of God also uses means [words]*

- Ro10:17, faith comes by ...
- 1 Pt.1:10, grace ...
  - 22, truth ...
  - 23, word ...
  - 25, gospel
- Ac.20:32
- God could have saved us directly / without means. He gave us words of grace

I. Grace and Word of God

II. Grace and Obedience,

2 K.5:10-14

# Naaman's attitude adjustment

- Beggars cannot be choosers (*I did it my way*)
- He did have a choice – no force applied
- God's command is . . . .
  - Unreasonable, 10. Josh.6. Jn.9
  - Illogical, 11. Saw no connection...
  - Unprecedented, 11. River cures leprosy?
  - Unpleasant, 12. Dirty water??
  - Test of faith, 13-14. He took the trip...
  - Humbling / embarrassing, 10-14

# “True grace of God” also demands obedience

- 1 Pt.1: . . .
  - Grace, 13
  - Obedient children, 14
  - Judges accords to each one’s work, 17
  - Purified souls in obeying truth, 22
- 2 Th.1:8
- Hb.5:8-9

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III. **Grace and Washing,**  
2 K.5:10-14

## Explanation:

- 10: Go and wash (also 13-14)
- 13-14: dipped ['baptize']. Flesh restored...

## True grace of God also demands washing

- 1 Pt.3:20-21, not physical removal of filth
- Ro.3:24, justified freely by His grace
  - Does this exclude faith? (v.26)
  - Mt.6:11 . . . 2 Th.3:10
  - Ro.6:1-4 . . . Ac.22:16
  - Ep.1:2, 7; 5:26

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II. Grace and Obedience

III. Grace and Washing

IV. **Grace and Life,**  
2 K.5:15-19

## Explanation – Naaman’s cure prompted...

- Praise to God, v.15 (not waters of Jordan)
- Gratitude, 16-17
- Change of attitude, 18

## True grace of God also calls for change of life

- 2 Pt.1:5-10, do these things . . . to make calling and election sure
- 2 Co.6:1, do not receive grace of God in vain



# Grace implies...

- We are in serious (eternal) trouble. Gn.6:8
- God has offered to rescue us at great cost to Himself. Hb.4:16, Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need