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**The Grace
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Be with All**

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Topics.

- Harmonising law and grace.
- Law, grace and living as one pleases.

THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

- **Revelation 22:21:** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

These words carry the idea that the love and grace of Christ would be made known to every church and to all those seeking him. It is not by chance that the last words left ringing in our ears in the last book of the Bible are of the grace and free pardon of the Lord Jesus Christ. These words, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all," express the desire of, Jesus, his angel, and all the heavenly host for the church. All the redeemed in Christ should keep these words upper most in their mind and thoughts, and know that:

- Whatever the dangers or difficulties, the afflictions or persecutions that have been pictured in this final book, there is strength, love, deliverance, and salvation in the Lord.
- Whether we are readers or interpreters of this book, or trying to practically carry out its teachings in daily life, our power and wisdom must come from our Saviour and King.
- Without Christ the prophecy could not be written, and without him it cannot be understood, it is only through his grace that our mind, heart, and life is made alive and worthy of everlasting life and happiness.

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The writer prays that the grace of God would be with all, because it is only by grace that we can be led in a deeper knowledge of Him who is our life, and only by faith and God's grace and Christ's righteousness imputed to us, that we are counted worthy to enter the Heavenly Eternal City New Jerusalem.

The light of the Gospel:

- Softens the heart of some and hardens the heart of others.
- Attracts some and repels others.
- Brings life to some and death to others.
- Influences some to acts of kindness, and to lead, and others to violence and killing.

The Lord Jesus Christ will be:

- For some a stone to build upon. and to others a stone of stumbling.
- Bring a great day of light for some, and a great day of darkness for others.
- By love will arouse praise and worship in some, and hostile mockery and violence in others.

It is only by Christ standing between God and us, that we can we stand before God with peace and full confidence that we will be delivered from the hail and fire of divine judgment when it falls from heaven and brings chaos to earth.

HARMONISING LAW AND GRACE

The voice of Old Testament Law shouts:

- “Do this and you will live, do not do this and you will die.”

The whole divine revelation of the Law declares, every transgression and disobedience will receive its just consequences of reward. In contrast to this, the New Testament voice of the Spirit shouts:

- “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.”

The Law is perfect and judges, while grace is love that imparts the gift of forgiveness and pardoning, mercy upon the hearts of those who love the Saviour of grace, the Lord Jesus Christ. Though the declaration of the Law and of Grace seem to be extremely contrary to each other, they are in harmony with whole truth of God, for contained within the revelation spoken by the prophets during the ancient era of the Law, there are divine declarations of God’s forgiving mercy, which is to be expected, for the following two reasons:

1. There cannot be love, without justice.
2. There cannot be salvation without grace.

Both the Old and New Testament (especially the book of revelation), are filled with solemn pictures of disaster, catastrophe, and destruction, which are the consequences of departing from God’s love and justice. This blending of love and grace and law and justice, brings a perfect balance to the Spirit and character of God.

Ponder for a moment: God loves humanity, and hates sin, if His love and grace was removed, so that only the legal demands of the Law and its condemnations remained, the God we worship would be a God that would have no power to love. It should be noted, granting freedom to sin, is not mercy, and punishment is not the absence of love, because both punishment and love are needed to give full emphasis to the other, and each one on its own gives a distorted view of God, it is only when the two are blended-together that God is made perfectly Holy.

The relationship of the grace to punishment: when proclaiming judgment stems from the desire that no one would ever need to experience it, it is love. Likewise, it shows a lack of love when those under impending doom are not warned of the fearful judgments to come. When proclaiming God’s judgments to warn and protect people from the wrath to come, it is a manifestation of true love, kindness, and mercy

The gift of grace: embraces the following four truths:

1. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (i.e., fall short of His Holiness) (Rom. 3:23).
2. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23), which means, we are all guilty of sin and doomed to mortal and eternal death (i.e., total extinction and annihilation).

3. All who have faith in Christ, are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 3:24).
4. The free-gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 6:23), this means all the faithful redeemed in the Lord Jesus Christ are set free from the bondage and condemnation of the Law.

Christ's love does not demand the surrender of our hearts, or our praise and adoration to Him, but from His own love for us, surrendered his life to a brutal and cruel death on the cross of Calvary, and this, not for his own salvation, but so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16). When a couple in love intend to marry, they send invitation cards out to those they want to attend the wedding, it could be rightly said, God has sent Jesus out into the world as His invitation card inviting all to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and leaves everyone free to choose or reject the invitation.

LAW, GRACE AND LIVING AS ONE PLEASES

When new converts are told, "the Law has been replaced by grace," some are left wondering, does this mean they can do as they please? Paul answers this question in the following verses:

- **Romans 6:17-18:** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. (Romans 6:17-18).

We were slaves of sin: meaning, prior to accepting Jesus, we lived to gratify self, and according to our flesh and the world, giving no thought to God, or to living a godly lifestyle that honors Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

You have become obedient from the heart: meaning now that we have accepted Christ and know his love, we desire to live a lifestyle according to the standard of God's word.

Having been set free from sin: meaning set free from the law of sin and death, it carries the idea, the redeemed in Christ are no longer doomed to eternal death, but destined for eternal life.

Have become slaves of righteousness: this is because the faithful redeemed in Christ are united to him by their love for him, and his love for them, and it is by this love they are motivated to live a godly lifestyle, prior to salvation there was no passion to live a godly life, but now being in the family of Christ, there is a passion and desire to learn and read the Bible, fellowship, witness and do what is pleasing to God and forsake what is not. The words, "have become slaves of righteousness," simply means, the passion of the heart to live a godly life and please God, is the dominant passion and desire of the heart.

If we confess our sins: those who belong to Christ, are fully aware as much as they desire to attain to God's Holiness, and Christ's perfect character, they cannot, which is why John says:

- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9).

However, they do understand that Christ accepts them as his brothers and sisters and loves them as friends, and willing laid down his life down for them, and from this love and friendship they have with him, they willing desire, and endeavour to do all they can to live in a manner that

is worthy of God, and brings a good testimony to the name of Jesus and the Christian faith. It could be likened to a husband and wife who deeply love each other, neither of them sets about to deliberately harm the other, rather they try as best they can to help and support their spouse, for love naturally motivates us to good works and do what is best for the one we love. This is why I believe God planned and purposed in His eternal mind, before the world began that Salvation would be in His Son, and not in intellectual knowledge, and having to understand the Bible from Genesis to revelation, though this is a great blessing, and should be the aim of all believers, the prime purpose of Scripture is to lead us to Christ.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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