

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 103

To the Praise and Glory of God's Grace



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

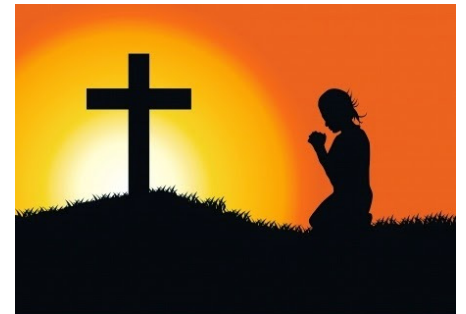


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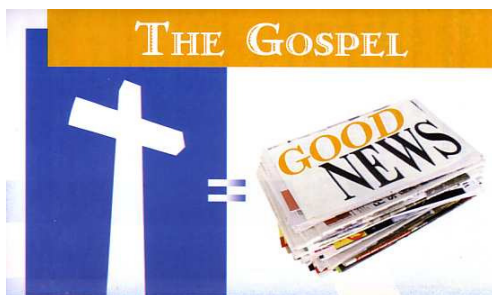
As you have learned in recent lessons, God's grace overcomes and overpowers sin through His Son Jesus' salvation work on the cross.

When we heard the good news about Jesus and believed in Him, we are set free from the slavery of sin and as Christians, we need to be thankful for God's grace



that set us free from slavery to sin.

We must also realize the hopelessness of the unsaved world under the slavery and dominion of sin.



Now that you know about the slavery to sin unbelievers have, I think you should be more compassionate towards unbelievers you meet and know. There is nothing they can do about their sin. It is only the grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord that can do anything about it. It is a gift from God. Pray they receive that gift.

Hopefully you will be the one telling them about it.

Did you know that the good news about Jesus is foolishness to unbelievers who are perishing? They don't get it!! They can't understand it and it is silliness to them. However, to us who have believed and are delivered from sin, it is the POWER OF GOD. This power from the Holy Spirit lets the unbeliever understand the good news about Jesus when you witness to them. The Spirit lets the unbeliever understand that Jesus is the way to heaven...the only way through God's wonderful grace.



It's a very good thing for us to realize the complete hold that sin once had over us and how precious is God's grace that released us from the grip of sin. We are no longer "under sin" in terms of it ruling over us, but under God's abundant grace. We have been set free forever!

Paul says this very clearly in the second chapter of Ephesians. Eph 2:1-1 "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins..." Sin ruled in death! Eph 2:2-5 "...in which **you formerly walked** (as unbelievers) **according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (Satan)**, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience (unbelievers). (3) Among them (unbelievers) **we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, living in the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of (God's) wrath, even as the rest.**



BUT...(4) **God**, being rich in mercy, because of His great **love** with which He **loved us**, (5) even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),**

Now get ready for the "MUCH MORE" of what God does with His grace in Eph 2:6!!! Simply **MAKING US ALIVE** would have been enough in Eph 2:5.

But God goes on in grace. "...and **HE RAISED US UP IN HIM**, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus...**"

This is how God operates in grace always EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY BEYOND ALL WE COULD EVER ASK OR THINK because God wants the banner of His work to read...

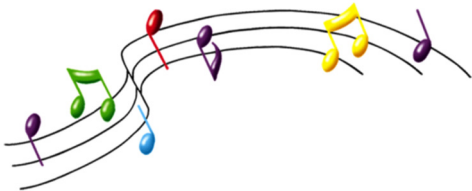
TO THE PRAISE AND GLORY OF HIS GRACE

We believers in Jesus are His monument, the greatest accomplishment of His love and forever in heaven His banner over us, the plaque on the monument, will read for all to see:

TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF GOD'S GRACE!!!

Further we learn in Eph 2:7, "...so that in **the ages to come** He might show **the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness** toward us in **Christ Jesus.**"

This is one of the most wonderful passages in our Bible about God's grace towards us...Jesus' work on the cross. Eph 2:8 "For by **grace** you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift of God**; (9) not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."



SING, SING, SING! The song of those who are saved is sweet to the ears of the Lord! Maybe you can even write a song yourself about the beautiful GRACE of GOD. Try it!

Let's end our lesson today with this: Rom 5:20-21 "The Law (The 10 Commandments) came in (from God) so that (the knowledge) sin would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, (21) so that, as sin ruled in death, even so grace would rule through righteousness to eternal life **through Jesus Christ our Lord.**"

So again, the thought here is that we begin to realize the absolutely wonderful and marvelous rule of God's grace when we consider the rule of sin in death because while sin increased, when grace comes in, grace overflows all the more. Sin continued in a straight line but grace stopped it in its path and sent it packing!

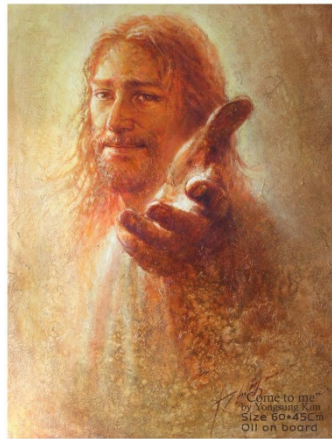


Sin subtracted all it could from the human race and took it all the way to death, the worst it could do to us.

But **God in His mercy and love...**



...sent grace and grace began to multiply, grace upon grace, all the way to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Close in prayer.

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