

Grace (His Great Love)

In our last session, we saw the disruption that occurred in the creation brought about by the lie of the devil. We saw how this roused the Spirit of Rebellion in the heart of humanity, resulting in humanity being no longer fit to serve God's end. To this God had responded with one word: **DEATH**, as He had promised in the beginning, "**YE SHALL CERTAINLY DIE.** "

Romans 6:23^a states clearly that the wages of sin is Death.

How could God ever get back His man?

The answer to this question is **GRACE**.

What is Grace? This is the Unmerited Favor of God.

****Unmerited: Undeserved.**

****Favor: an act of kindness beyond what is due or usual.**

So God bestowed on humanity an underserved act of kindness beyond what was due or usual.

What was this act of kindness that God showered on humanity?

1. Forgiveness: exoneration (officially absolved from blame)
2. Reconciliation: restoration of friendly relation.

All this is undeserved because we were really guilty and fully deserving of the due penalty.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To be able to truly understand what really transpired in the initiation of Grace, it is essential for us to understand something really important about the nature of God. There are two vital aspects of God's nature that seem really difficult to balance, that is Holiness and Love. God is Holy and God is Love. With regards to humanity's dilemma/ the dilemma of all the ages, God's holiness demands that sin must meet its due and full penalty but God's love desires mercy (Remember that humanity is God's love child). God so loved humanity that he was desirous of mercy but at the same time knew that it was needful to have the sin fully addressed.

God found the balance that His heart desired in the person of His only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21 states that the one who knew no sin (The Righteous One), was made sin for us so that we would be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Isaiah 53:5-6 states that the LORD laid on Him (Christ Jesus), the iniquity of us all.

****In Christ Jesus, God was able to satisfy His Holiness in justice(sin paid for in full), while also satisfying His nature of Love in rendering mercy.****

**** Christ Jesus became as us to face the full wrath of God so as to Spare us/ save us. ** This is the Amazing Grace that save a wretch like me.**

John 3:16

For God so loved humanity that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

****In Christ we are back in God's good graces (Righteous) ****

Grace is Love Triumphant!
Mercy rejoicing over judgement.

NOTES (Grace)

❖ Grace is the greatest of gifts; there is none greater than this.

1. What is God's grace?

2. How did God extend His grace to us?

3. What is the impact of God's grace?
