

The Road of Grace

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Romans 1:15 I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

2 Timothy 1:1-2 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

• God calls us according to His will and shapes us by His grace.

Acts 8:3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

Acts 9:1-5 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said..., "This man [Paul] is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.

• Grace: Freely given undeserved favor of God

Romans 3:24 [Sinners] are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:15 (NLT) For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

- Grace: God-given sufficient supply for our sanctification and faithfulness
- 2 Corinthians 9:8 (ESV) And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 [Jesus speaking to Paul] "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Sanctification: the process of becoming more like Jesus.

Jeremiah 18:1-6 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: **2** "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." **3** So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. **4** But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. **5** Then the word of the Lord came to me. **6** He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

2 Timothy 1:3-7 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

• God gives us grace to live by faith and equips us for faith-filled living.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

- 1. Pray.
- 2. Do not let go of the grace of God.
- 3. Recognize God is sovereign.
- 4. Remind them they are loved.
- 5. Listen.
- 6. If needed, ask for forgiveness.
- 7. Do not give up.

Romans 10:17 faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

• Intended Purpose of Gifts:

• To Equip us for Service- 1 Cor 12:4

Promote Common Good- 1 Cor. 12:7

Build up the Church 1 Cor. 14:12

• Intended Results of the Gifts:

• Unity in the Church- Eph. 4:13

Maturing in Christ Eph. 4:13

• Glorify God- Col. 3:17

2 Timothy 1:8-12 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

• God's grace emboldens us to boldly live out the Gospel.

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me:..."

2 Timothy 1:13-18 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. 15 You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. 16 May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. 17 On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me. 18 May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.

• God calls us to guard the gospel and reminds us we don't do it alone.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved... For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

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