2Thes #125

The super-grace life of maturity

We have a significant storm rolling toward the Florida pan-handle this Thursday, so my area of Central Florida may get hit.

If there is a late message or no message Thursday – just relax, it will be up by Friday night the latest.

Let us open where we left off, go into 1Corinthians chapter 3 RF.

We were beginning to look at the levels of grace afforded to Believers at salvation and then after salvation.

God’s grace plan is always active.

This is all in relation to reaching the highest levels of SM.

The first we noted, is - saving grace and all that the Holy Spirit does to bring you into eternal security.

The second has to do with logistical grace – all that GOD does for a Bel after salvation that helps sustain them in the angelic conflict.

Neither of these first two require any volitional power other than a positive moment of faith toward Christ at salvation.

GOD gives these grace gifts from HIS sovereignty and free will has almost nothing to do with it.

The next few grace levels are related to the Bels lifestyle choices and free will.

We noted a powerful set of characteristics, showing us, the highest level of maturity we call a super-grace life. We looked into King David, within Psalms 23 - when his own son had overthrown the kingdom.

One of the last characteristics I showed you, was that a SM Bel understands GOD is not out to punish them and remove blessings because they had a few failures.

There is a stipulation concerning capacity in the area of receiving all your blessings, crown and rewards.

/GOD does not remove HIS gifts and blessings – yet GOD, being a good and loving father, does not allow a wild teenager to have the keys to a brand -new sports car on their sixteenth b-day. Even though that sports car was already bought and paid for, and the title is in that rebellious teenager’s name. Capacity and responsibility are needed.\

That wild teenager would destroy the gift and probably hurt others or even kill themselves or someone else in the process.

Parents who randomly spoil their child no matter what - are weak and irresponsible in their role of leadership.

 REPEAT

/Everything is filtered through the justice of system of God from eternity past. Therefore, blessings, gifts and rewards were already established in your name with a legal stipulation of capacity as a trigger. They will never go to anyone else and they will remain in your name forever, whether you get them or not. All blessings are established with release points, designed by GOD for levels of maturity.\

Christians who ignore the justice system of God are Christians who get emotional upset every time something looks unfair or complicated.

These are weak Bels and usually remain baby Believers throughout most of the Christian walk.

/All Bels will see every blessing and reward at the Bema Seat Judgement of Christ, whether they received them or not;

Rom 14:12 So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.\

The old saying – that no one gets away with anything, is much more true than most folks realize!

Let us look at 1Corinthians chapter 3.

Many loser Bels will see what they not only could have had in time - but what they will not receive in eternity.

It will forever be locked away in their name.

Every Bel - and for that matter, every person will have their works and life opened up at judgment day.

For the Unbel - it is before eternity at the Great White Throne Judgment.

For the Bel - it is after the Rapture at the Bema Seat Judgement of Christ.

 REPEAT

/2Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may receive **compensation for his deeds** done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.\

Divine GOOD in the new nature or deeds of the flesh – in the old nature.

Human works or Divine Good.

Remember… nothing is hidden from GOD, all things will be laid bare before HIM.

/Heb 14:3 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we must answer.\

What is hidden now… will come to light.

/1Cor 4:5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before *the* time, *but wait* **until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *human* hearts;** and then praise will come to each person from God.\

Notice how the Apostle Paul is reminding the congregation at Corinth;

1Cor 3:11 For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

We all build off and grow from the true foundation of TLJC.

The true cornerstone of the church – the foundation that brings all dispensations together.

TLJC is the TRUTH and LIGHT – the WORD. The singular truth is only seen in the mind of Christ…scripture!

Anything done outside of our union with Christ is from the flesh – it has no lasting, divine value.

 REPEAT

[1Co 3:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/12/s_1065012) Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, *or* straw,

All Believers build a foundation in time on precious stones, gold and silver.

Or they are building on wood, hay and straw.

Your life, since the day you were born again and saved – is the foundation you are building on.

**/**[1Co 3:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/13/s_1065013) each **one’s work will become evident**; for the day will show it because it is *to be* **revealed with fire**, and **the fire itself will test the quality of each one’s work.\**

[1Co 3:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/14/s_1065014) If anyone’s work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.

The only work accepted is that which is done from doctrinal motivation in the New Nature.

**/**[1Co 3:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/15/s_1065015) **If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss**; but he **himself will be saved,** yet *only* so as through fire.

No equality in heaven – there are those who take their time, talent and treasure after salvation and apply it. Others simply walk in a life guaranteeing a barn-fire after the Rapture.\

Some religious systems often spread the lies, that people can be prayed into heaven after death. Or that after their death they are just given all blessings and crowns. That is Satan’s counterfeit of religion…that is one avenue he uses.

/There is a third category, or level of grace, which is dependent on volition. Positive volition is expressed toward the written Word instead of just the living Word (Christ) at this point. The written Word is Bible doctrine (mind of Christ), which begins to take a powerful hold in the soul structure. That is the level of true growth which GOD is calling all Bels toward. Spiritual self-esteem begins to shift into Spiritual Autonomy heading toward real maturity.\

This is true spiritual momentum.

These are growth stages because now you are beyond basic doctrines and moving beyond the salvation gateway.

Many Believers remain babes in the spiritual realm – they fall into denominational nonsense or emotional worship.

/Stage one, heading into maturity; Spiritual self-esteem, which is a self-confidence based on your growing faith and doctrine on the soul. This is the beginning of effective application, where doctrines begin to come together and the ten problem solving devices start to manifest in your life.\

This is the Bel who is now beyond the honeymoon stage of salvation, they decided to buckle down and get serious into the WORD.

/A second stage is referred to Spiritual Autonomy; True independence from human viewpoint while confidence and dependence is now woven from BD deep within the soul. This is the stage that norms and standards, viewpoints, that you had from the cosmic system have shifted and began to dissolve, because BD replaced them. Occupation with Christ elevates at this level.\

Then you can reach toward higher spiritual maturity.

Go to Ephesians chapter two RF.

The fourth category in this distinction of God’s grace plan for growth into a super-grace life, has to do with Ephesians 2:7 where you have “the exceeding riches of his grace.” But the Greek says, “surpassing grace.”

This is what some may call the ultimate sanctification stage – when the angelic conflict is over for you, this is what you have achieved and now you are facing eternity.

This has nothing to do with free will or lifestyle choices, because it is where you ended up.

You led a life after salvation that had an impact inside the plan of God – you were an active participant in the angelic conflict. An invisible hero.

You achieved super grace status and now in eternity, you are given all the crowns, blessings and rewards in your name– the surpassing grace of GOD is upon you.

 REPEAT

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

[Eph 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/5/s_1099005) even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

God so loved the world – HIS desire is all mankind will come to the saving knowledge of TLJC.

GOD made us alive – again starting with the calling of common grace and right into the 7-fold ministry of God the HS, GOD did the work!

**/**[Eph 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/6/s_1099006) and **raised us up with Him**, and **seated us with Him** in the heavenly *places* **in Christ Jesus**,

All Bels are seated in union with Christ, raised up and will be given a resurrection body. Not all Bels will receive God’s full grace plan for their life. Many will have never accepted and walked willingly, in the plan of God while in the temporal.\

There are winners and losers in the heavenly.

Yet there is also no more sorrow, tears or pain, everything is blissfully perfect! Now as far as equality goes, it will not exist in heaven, nor will the pettiness of any OSN and competition for attention or jealousy and pride.

The flesh was nailed to the CROSS once and for all time, in eternity it is gone.

The resurrected body is the perfect YOU! With no sin nature – sin is dead and buried at the time of resurrection. Those who choose their own merits and righteousness, by rejecting Christ, will live in an environment minus GOD.

A fiery environment filled with the arrogance of the sin nature everywhere.

They have a resurrected body with the OSN active and fully in control.

 REPEAT

/[Eph 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/7/s_1099007) so that in the ages to come **He** **might show the boundless riches** (*hyperballō ploutos)* **of His grace in kindness toward us** in Christ Jesus.

To have beyond measure, to gain more than enough, over and above. To have wealth and possessions in abundance.\

HOOP-AIR-BAHLO, PLUT-USS - both words point to a surpassing amount, abundance above and beyond – one meaning to throw beyond the mark, a great amount of something.

The other is referenced for monetary gain and also personal possessions.

 REPEAT

It also means abundance. Abundance on top of abundance is one definition.

/Eph 2:7 - NOTICE – GOD might, show those who have participated inside the angelic conflict this surpassing grace. It is available for everyone; in fact, it was already given for all mankind. First they need to accept the invitation to believe upon Christ. Second they need to take their free will and agree with God’s plan after salvation.\

Again, those who do not want to study and understand the justice system of God will kick against this.

[Eph 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/8/s_1099008) For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

[Eph 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/9/s_1099009) not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Everything is a grace gift from God – HE did not have to give a second thought about you or I, much less give you or I life… and yet HE offers incredible blessings.

Those blessings and rewards are in abundance and most of them are locked in heavenly storage with our names on it.

Those storage doors only open on a legal standard at certain points when the capacity is achieved in your spiritual walk. REPEAT

It was already given to you in eternity past.

/So, these are never grace gifts that you earn or deserve. They already belong to you, they are released sporadically as you walk toward levels of maturity. Any time after salvation, GOD can and will release blessings at HIS own sovereign discretion. God is a perfect Father, a perfect Judge and perfect God, therefore HE knows exactly what you need and how prepared you are for it at any given moment.\

All of this was approved through the justice system of GOD in eternity past, so there are legal triggers on any blessings, rewards or crowns.

/God can not lie and God can not take back anything HE has given. More importantly, the overriding reality is, God must remain in compliance with HIS own Justice and Righteousness.

(Psa 45:6-7, Psa 97:2, Deu 32:4, Pro 16:12)

Psa 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before You. \

The Believer at Super-grace is analogous to God resting on the seventh day. HE wants all Bels to enter into a rest and enjoy what GOD has already done for them.

Most Bels never receive all of the grace gifts God has already given them.

/Most Believers, walk around with the winning lottery ticket in their pocket and never cash it in. By that I mean in the area of spiritual blessings, spiritual growth, having a true happiness and relaxed mental attitude. Having a power and presence in any situation that surpasses human understanding. All because they do not want to take what God has already given them and learn to grow in it!\