2Thess #170

The 3 steps of God’s grace plan.

Open up in 2Peter chapter three RF.

/Eph 2:8 **For by grace you have been saved through faith**; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* **the gift of God**; 9 **not a result of works,** so that no one may boast.

Step one of God’s grace plan is seen at salvation, it is the same plan that extends into the whole life of a Bel.\

You open the grace flood gate by a moment of time, with faith – when you looked to Christ as the only savior and knowing you are a sinner in need of salvation. You accepted the invitation so GOD the HS could bring you into eternal security.

/Step two, of God’s perfect Grace plan also was completed and given in eternity past. It requires no human merit, yet the positive volition and growing faith of a Christian is called into action. It was all set up for the Bel in eternity past. The only way to activate this action is through a spiritual power from God the HS and the mind of Christ. Human effort or Human IQ, interfere with the action for the Christian.\

It is the same formula used at salvation looking to the Lord and savior Jesus Christ and having the faith and positive volition in HIM.

Jesus Christ who executed phase one on the cross, is our intimate connection to the kingdom of GOD.

The more you grow and apply these spiritual dynamics, the stronger your faith and spiritual IQ grows.

The plan of GOD was Christ centered; therefore, our spiritual life is Christ centered.

/Step two of the plan of God begins after salvation and continues as long as we are on earth. It is the Believer in time operating in DIVINE power, or human power. Free will is the operational switch for either of the two. The initiator of step two of God’s plan, is the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine. The two power options, work in conjunction as a construction team, producing a soul library. Which leads to a soul structure (ECS) Edification Complex of the Soul, that than leads to super-grace maturity.\

This library starts out small and is often unorganized for several years, until the persistency of a positive human spirit remains submissive to the two power options for a longer period of time.

The truth is you are building upon a temple of your soul, one that GOD laid out for you in HIS grace plan from eternity past.

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/1Cor 6:19 **Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you**, whom you have from God, and *that* you are not your own?

1Cor 3:16 **Do you not know that you are a temple of God** and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? (2Cor 6:16)\

The flesh is incapable of true, DIVINE spiritual power, whether it is at salvation or afterward heading into spiritual growth.

The flesh is capable of calling forth evil or demonic spiritual powers, but the divine power from GOD is completely void of the flesh.

This is why the ministry of GOD the HS was ordained to be given to all of us in eternity past.

Especially unique for the CA dispensation – the OT saints did not all have access to a filling or indwelling power as we do – collectively.

God the HS came upon certain men or women at specific points to fulfill the plan of GOD – yet this dispensation like all dispensations has certain unique qualities and earmarks.

 REPEAT

/1Pet 2:5 **you also, as living stones, are being built** up as a **spiritual house** for a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to GOD **through Jesus Christ**.

Eph 2:21 in **whom the whole building, being fitted together**, is **growing into a holy temple in the Lord**, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.\

Now as many of you know in 2Peter we are looking at the last words and last teaching of the Apostle Peter on earth.

This is a key set of scriptures telling Bels what God’s grace plan requires.

He has just explained that all these things in the world will pass away – there will come a time all of this around us will be changed dramatically and many things we see every day will be destroyed in the end.

He states plainly the heavens and earth will be changed and are being held and prepared for a finally judgment.

/2Pet 3:10 But **the day of the Lord will come like a thief,** in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and **the earth and its works will be discovered**.

This is speaking to the end of time as we know it (Great White Throne Judgment), some details are seen in Rev 20 into Rev 21.\

This is the last portion of - ***the day of the Lord***, which occurs at the end of the Millennium.

Whenever the word day is followed by the genitive case as it is here, (masculine gender) *kyrios.* Orlike the day of Christ, the Rapture, the day of God, the eternal state, it does not refer to a twenty-four-hour day, unless - the genitive which follows describes something pertaining to a specific period - like a 24-hour day.

So, the day of the Lord here refers to the end of the Millennium when the universe as we think we know it, will be destroyed.

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It is also a time when any questions about what we think we know about the earth and outer space will be laid out for all to see.

The great White Throne Judgement will be the most humbling and powerful spectacle ever seen!

I believe, everyone who ever lived, angels and humans - witness it and some unfortunately, will participate in it!

All Believers are rescued because of CHRIST from that final judgment – we are spectators and RF members.

Now the Apostle Peter is asking - what will you do with your new life in the Royal family of GOD.

Knowing all this grace and love has been imputed onto you…

/2Pet 3:11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, **what sort of people ought you to be** in holy conduct and **godliness** (*eusebeia*),

Godliness, means HS Spirit filled (controlled), a maturing Bel. To have moments of godliness is a result of the two power options. To be a godly Bel (consistently) means, you are reaching true maturity.\

USE-AH-BY-AH, godliness means a lifestyle of worship in mind and body. It is a Christian intimately connected to Christ and therefore showing great reverence to all aspects of GOD.

Even a baby Bel can have moments of godliness, because they apply the two power options. Yet to have this as a real lifestyle, is often a term used for a GODLY person – SM.

 REPEAT

/The Apostle Peter is reminding Christians that we are saved from the final judgment, we are children of GOD, not destined for wrath. Therefore, what are we going to do with this new life, right now in time (step two), in God’s Grace Plan? After salvation (step one) there is a calling that we must respond too. It is a call into a GODLY life, moving toward maturity into super-grace.\

[2Pe 3:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/3/12/s_1159012) looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

THE DAY OF GOD - is speaking directly to the time when the Great White Throne Judgment is revealed.

At the end of the thousand years of Christ on earth, the last satanic, rebellion will be squashed!

At that time, everything will be supernaturally melted away and what we truly can call eternity will open up at the final judgment.

[2Pe 3:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/3/13/s_1159013) But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

The Apostle Peter wanted to get the CA Bels focus off of worldly attacks or cosmic system distractions, and back on our eternal life just ahead of us.

RIGHTEOUSNESS dwells in heaven and will dwell in the heavens, yet I can guarantee it will be a different story within the Lake of Fire.

It is minus GOD, it is a separation from GOD - which would mean misery, injustice and evil unbridled.

/[2Pe 3:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/3/14/s_1159014) Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, **be diligent** (*spoudazō*) to be found spotless and blameless by Him, at peace,

Be active in the new nature, be active inside the WORD, to study and labor, having a purposeful lifestyle.\

SPOO-DOD-ZO, written in a command form, imperative mood. This is a term used for labor, to study and put forth effort. To make haste in a direction.

This is a Greek verb used to get yourself focused, to study - to become serious in effort and thought.

The original Greek uses a term for spotless - that was often used in reference to keeping your garment clean during a feast or dining party.

You want to keep the OSN from causing stains and problems in your life.

Now how are we going to have this lifestyle? – Not sinless perfection, but a godly life.

[2Pe 3:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/3/15/s_1159015) and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

This is written in a Greek present tense, keep on regarding the long suffering of Christ.

Imperative mood – make this a habitual process of recognizing your salvation and the long suffering and true love of TLJC.

/When we keep the focus on Christ and we keep pursuing a stronger union with HIM, it is a journey into a powerful faith. We begin to reorganize our norms, standards and priorities around the mind of CHRIST. This naturally forces us to peel away from human viewpoint and cosmic ideology. Focus on Christ is absorbing BD and in turn, wisdom begins to manifest as it did with the Apostle Paul.\

Notice the high praise from the Apostle Peter who is near his death sentence.

/[2Pe 3:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/3/16/s_1159016) as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which there are **some things that are hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort**, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Because the Apostle Paul taught on deeper levels concerning mystery doctrine. This was under heavier attack from the Gnostics and Sanhedrin.\

Accurately handling the word will always be less popular and more scrutinized than the counterfeit ideologies of the devil’s world.

/[2Pe 3:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/3/17/s_1159017) You therefore, beloved, **knowing this beforehand, be on your guard** so that you are not carried away by the error of unscrupulous error of unscrupulous people and **lose your own firm commitment,**

Once a Bel begins to move forward in truth, they MUST be on the alert for the counterfeit system and distractions.\

The trickery, lies and counterfeits are seen throughout the Bible, from the serpent in the garden - into the teaching of end time prophecy in Revelation.

Therefore, all BELS need to be on the alert – don’t waiver in your commitment.

/[2Pe 3:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/3/18/s_1159018) but **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

That is the most serious of calls for a Christian. Not Christian activism, not emotional worship, not any deeds of the flesh.\

As you begin to grow under accurate study – the two power options in action, then GOD will slowly direct you into what steps to follow.

Do not put the cart before the horse.

/Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let’s show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

1Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.\

You… as a Believer in Christ, have the unique opportunity to excel spiritually and then into eternity.

We benefit because we accept and allow the Grace Plan of God to wash over us – we benefit because of who and what Jesus Christ is and what HE accomplished.

We never receive the full benefits of the Grace Plan of God, until we make the positive decisions to keep moving forward in our relationship with HIM.

The plan of God is only revealed through Bible doctrine;

/2Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for **teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness;** 17 so that the man *or woman* of God may be **fully capable, equipped for every good work**.

Mat 4:4 But He answered and said, “It is written: ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON **EVERY WORD** **THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD**.’”\

If the study of the word of GOD is lacking on your priority list, it is your own responsibility to make the changes needed to elevate that study time.

/Jer 15:16 **Your words were found and I ate them**, And **Your words became a joy to me and the delight of my heart**; For I have been called by Your name, LORD God of armies.

Hos 4:6 **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge**. Since you have **rejected knowledge**, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the Law of your God, I also will forget your children. (Isa 5:13) \

Every action has a reaction…every decision has a consequence, whether negative or positive.

There is no short cut into SM - it is all dependent upon those two power options active in your life.

/The final stage or step of God’s Grace Plan is Phase three - the Believer in eternity, in perfection, resurrected glory;

Rev 21:4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” 5 And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”\