2Thess #169

The foundation of the plan of GOD is GRACE!

Let us open today in Ephesians chapter three RF.

/At the moment of salvation there was a supernatural union, an eternal bond between you and Christ that can never be broken (eternal security). Yet after salvation, if you neglect that union and do not walk within it accurately, you have no true spiritual growth. Without spiritual growth, you have no consistent or durable fellowship with the Triune God.\

What happens is you essentially walk in this temporal life almost as an Unbeliever – you will go to heaven because you had a moment of truth faith in TLJC – you are forever in union with Christ.

Yet there is no abundance of escrow blessings or maturity within your life and it will reflect into eternity.

It was all given to you…and available for you before you were ever born, you simply never reached the capacity for it.

REPEAT

/Because of the cross of Christ, God was free to give abundantly from HIS love, mercy and grace, nothing you ever did, or will do, made GOD open up HIS grace plan for you. HIS desire is for an intimate relationship with all mankind. Yet GOD can never neglect, or distort HIS own essence and bypass HIS justice and righteousness. Therefore, a perfect plan excluding human merit had to be implemented.\

Creating creatures with free will, is the greatest display of pure love aside from Jesus Christ on the cross. Yet it also ensures rebellion, sin and evil will eventually rear its ugly head.

Because of Jesus Christ the GRACE floodgate was finally opened!

/Just because someone is given a free, grace gift, doesn’t guarantee they will receive it or take advantage of it. They first have to be available and positive to accept the gift. Secondary, they have to be willing to understand and have capacity for the gift. If the gift was given before they were born, designed specifically for them and NO ONE will ever touch it except that person. It was certainly, lavishly given from love & grace.\

Step one of this grace gift is salvation – it was designed to be so easy to access and can be so simplistically fulfilled.

By a one-shot decision – a positive thought of faith alone in Christ alone. Step one is so easy, that there is no way to argue about merits or human efforts.

It is so easy, because the work and spiritual power all come from our Triune God – The Father designed it in eternity past, the precious SON fulfilled it and God the HS empowers it!

Step two of the grace gift requires that same positive attitude. Then applying your free will to allow the grace gift to fully open up to continue the work of GOD in your life.

REPEAT

Because it is from the divine CREATOR and it is a true free, GRACE GIFT, you are never forced into any of it.

It will always remain yours whether you advance into that grace plan or not.

The fact is this Grace Plan is vey deep and wide with divine knowledge. Once again looking into this prison epistle by the Apostle Paul, the grace plan is revealed more and more.

Eph 3:14 For this reason I bend my knees before the Father,

[Eph 3:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/15/s_1100015) from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

God is the divine CREATOR of everything.

This is why you have to understand when you see scriptures pointing out Unbels as the enemy – it is not by the desires of GOD or HIS perfect design for us.

The perfection of the man and woman initially in the garden, before the fall, shows us what GOD’s perfect will is.

God’s perfect will always will come to fruition in the end.

Unbels are enemies by their own volition – free will ensures sin, rebellion and evil can exist.

My personal studies and what I believe scripture points to, is that all angels fell. Then at some point salvation was offered to them.

After a period of time - sometime when the earth was being re-molded that salvation offer expired, much like it does for humanity at the moment of death.

1/3rd of the angelic army stayed with Satan (Rev 12:4), while the rest became the eternal, elect angels of heaven.

Eternity will not have rebellion, or any negativity, therefore, free will is no longer active.

/[Eph 3:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/16/s_1100016) that **He would grant you**, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self**,

HE would grant you…(free will), to be strengthen by growth, spiritual power through the operational ministry of God the HS (two power options).\

God the HS since your salvation and even before… has been working in your favor!

All part of God’s grace plan for CA Bels.

/[Eph 3:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/17/s_1100017) **so that Christ may dwell** (*katoikeō*) in your hearts **through faith**; *and* that you, being **rooted and grounded in love** (*agape),*

To find a home, a dwelling in comfort or familiarity. Christ MAY or MAY not find a comfort indwelling you. The indwelling of the TRINITY has to have consistent fellowship for a familiar dwelling. \

CAR-TOY-KAYO, means to dwell to also govern over, to be comfortable such as a home.

You will be indwelt whether you are a positive or negative Bel, but there will be different results for every Christian.

Notice it says*- being rooted and grounded*, that is in the Greek, perfect tense, meaning it was already completed – it is perfectly done. Rooted and grounded in A-GAUP-AY, because you’re in union with Christ, divine virtue love.

IT IS **ALL** there for you! As I told you last lesson – it comes down to every action having a reaction, every decision having a consequence…either negative or positive.

REPEAT

God has rooted and planted in you, all of these 40 grace gifts because of the righteousness of Christ.

What are you prepared to do about!?

Pay attention to how the Apostle Paul always reference terms like - *may be* or *may happen* for the Believer.

*GOD could do this for you* – free will.

This is why the warnings about having an unbalanced, disorderly life matters!

/[Eph 3:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/18/s_1100018) **may be able to comprehend** with all the saints **what is the width and length and height and depth**,

God has a responsibility in His grace plan, to make divine knowledge available, yet it has depth, width and length that requires a higher capacity and commitment.\

The way the Apostle Paul emphasizes the plan of GOD within these scriptures, is one that takes focus and commitment – it is not just common, human knowledge.

[Eph 3:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/19/s_1100019) and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

This surpasses human viewpoint – high above cosmic knowledge.

**YOU may** reach a super-grace life of maturity, which is the fullness of GOD in time, in this temporal life.

The choice is yours.

/We receive spiritual knowledge by the continued combination of the Filling Power of God the Holy Spirit, while being in the WORD. God the HS operates within us, a Grace Apparatus of Perception (GAP), when we walk habitually in union with CHRIST. That walk is powered by the HS and motivated and applied by accuracy of BD (mind of Christ).\

It is not a matter of a high IQ – it is a matter of a spiritual IQ.

Any Christian can have an unlimited Spiritual IQ - if they are committed to the plan of God.

/[Eph 3:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/20/s_1100020) Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works within us,**

At any given moment there is a real spiritual power (GOD HS) working within you, or a cosmic influence from the devil’s world.\

This section of Ephesians chapter three works as a Christian doxology, meaning the climax of a song or the ending of a powerful poem.

It is praising our Triune GOD and lifting HIM up in song, prayer or a poem.

[Eph 3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/21/s_1100021) to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Jump over to Romans chapter one in closing today.

/We need spiritual strength to let Christ dwell actively, within us. HIS indwelling is there, it needs the filling power of the Spirit for fellowship. Because there is an OSN that resists the influence of the active indwelling of Jesus Christ. That OSN can be conquered as the Spirit of God gives us the victory in our faith. The OSN is nailed to the cross, but it will not give up the temporal death spiral, until we are physically dead.\

Humanity needed a whole new nature – a supernatural rebirth and that is what happens at salvation – regeneration.

Your flesh is completely corrupt.

You were born total depraved…this is at the core of God’s grace plan.

Christians who do not see the whole plan of GOD are confused about chaos, sin, evil… angelic warfare.

/Psa 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in guilt, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Psa 58:3 The wicked have turned away from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.\

Once you understand there are NONE RIGHTEOUS… no not one!

Then you are at a humble place to begin to fully examine the plan of God.

/Jhn 3:6 “That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit.

Jer 17:9 “The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

Job 14:4, Job 15:15-16, Rom 5:12, Eph 2:3, Isa 53:6, Psa 14:2-3, Rom 3:10-12…etc. \

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter probably from Greece…possibly from Corinth. He was looking forward to visiting this expanding group of predominately, Gentile Bels.

The Apostle Paul did arrive in Rome but as was the case for many times in his life…he arrived in handcuffs.

These were growing Bels and most scholars agree, it was converts from the Apostle Paul and his teaching that inspired Christianity in the capital city.

You can tell because he gets into justification, sanctification and several doctrines in relation to the CA Grace Plan, that you don’t just drop on a new convert.

This section of Romans chapter one gives a great view about the plan of GOD in relation to how it is evident all around us;

/Rom 1:18 For **the wrath of God is revealed from heaven** against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of **people who suppress the truth** in unrighteousness,

This is a fact that GOD’s justice will not be ignored, everything is filtered through it. This an anthropopathism – GOD does not have hate or rage.\

This is ascribing a human emotion, or human attribute to GOD so we can learn and see the seriousness of what is being taught.

This is really stating what I have been mentioning recently – every action has a reaction…every decision has a consequence. Negative or positive.

There will be a time when GOD’s justice system will play out to its fullest intent, at the great White Throne Judgment.

The pre-trial we could say is the Tribulation period.

God’s righteousness can never approve of unrighteousness – notice what is part of unrighteousness and ungodliness, the suppression of TRUTH (BD).

Starting with the accuracy of the gospel of Christ.

The fact is all humanity realizes there is a Divine Creator and all humanity with a normal IQ reaches an age of accountability. God-consciousness, then you have the active ministry of GOD the HS working in common grace – there are no excuses.

/[Rom 1:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/1/19/s_1047019) because **that which is known about God is evident within them**; for God made it evident to them.

Ecc 3:11 He has made everything appropriate in its time. **He has also set eternity in their heart**, without *the possibility that* **mankind will find out the work which God has done** from the beginning even to the end.\

God has placed a cross shaped hole in the heart of humanity - a void deep within only TLJC can fill.

Mankind ends up filling it with other things in the devil’s world.

Yet they never find the truth and freedom Christ gives them.

[Rom 1:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/1/20/s_1047020) For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes, that is,* His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

My suggestion is look at Psalm 19:1-4, it tells us this in a detailed manner.

Here is a closer definition of what the original language is telling us;

/Amp- *Rom 1:20 For ever since the creation of the world. His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made – His handiworks. So (men) are without excuse – altogether without any defense or justification;* \

[Rom 1:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/1/21/s_1047021) For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened.

This is a description of most of the people…at least the Unbelievers in the comic system.

It is surely a definition of the Unbels and how the devil’s world refuses to acknowledge the truth of GOD and the truth of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

It is right in front of them – it is undeniable.

Instead, many people willingly accept the counterfeits and lies of Satan’s system.

Do not become a causality of the devil’s world – begin to develop an orderly…balanced life.

A life where your priorities uphold GOD and you have organized time for HIM.

Out of God’s abundant grace HE has given everyone time…talent and treasure- do not squander it on the deceptions of Satan.