



# GRACE

*The Death of Judgment  
and  
The Death of Grace*

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## The Door

We are going to consider the reality, the greatness of GRACE – God’s grace. I’ve been looking at this in an ongoing search of The Door and the reality of Christ as The Door. And the fulfillment of The Door is in The Cross – CHRIST CRUCIFIED. And we must see that so much more was faced by Israel representatively at The Door than most can understand or even consider. And it’s extremely important that you and I come to comprehend by The Spirit of God exactly what Israel faced at that Door. Now we must see that there was no “EXIT” sign on the Door: that the Door was NOT a way out of anything. Salvation is not your way out. The Door is your way IN, and there are so many things into which we are given entrance by The Door. And in this search we have now come to THE JUDGMENT and to THE GRACE that abounds with the Judgment.

John 10:7,9 – *Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep...I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

Exodus 15:17 – *Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O Lord which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.*

John 14:6 – *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

## Entrance Into Grace

By The Door we have entrance into GRACE, and there grace abounds. And it’s taken me awhile to come to this, because awhile back I couldn’t have heard Christ The Eternal Word as grace. My hearing had to be worked on with a number of other realities and dimensions of Christ which we face at the Door, because HE IS THE DOOR! The Door isn’t something He shows us aside from Himself: it is He Himself! But the dimensions of Christ are eternal! They are eternal in their nature and their character: they are in their measure and their depth – immeasurable! In their wisdom – they are unsearchable! You never are going to exhaust the dimensions of The Door. It is where true Spiritual Life begins, and it is where true Spiritual comprehension begins as well. I AM THE DOOR. Israel faced representatively, typically all that we have come to, and shall ever come to in Christ Jesus. Is it any wonder they had no comprehension of it? This of course is no excuse for their disobedience and rebellion, but it is no wonder that they couldn’t comprehend all that they had just become partakers of in The Blood and in The Lamb, and in their obedience to The Door and the entering in.

Hebrews 4:16; 10:19 – *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need...Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.*

Hebrews 3:1 – *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.*

Ephesians 3:8,20 – *Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ...Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

Romans 11:33 – *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

Colossians 2:3 – *In whom (Christ) are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

Hebrews 11:39,40 – *And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.*

Exodus 12:5-7,12,13 – *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year; ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it...For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast: and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.*

### The Way Out – Is IN

So part of the character and nature of this Door is that it is an entering in and not an exit. And it would be good if each of us would remember that, for I think the Church is plagued by those who just “want to get out”: Get out – get away! We are kind of that way when we face situations: ‘If God would just get me out of here!’ We seem to never get a hold of the reality that the way out... is IN. God has not provided a way out: He has provided a **WAY IN**: and that’s the answer! But we are a hard-headed crew! And we’re also a hard-hearted people, and nobody likes to think they are hard hearted, but the hardness of our heart is what keeps us in unbelief. We may be all smiles on the outside, with all pretty words, but the hardness of our heart... And I’m not talking about your attitude necessarily. The hardness of our heart is the REFUSAL – the hardness keeps us in unbelief. And the purpose in prayer and fellowship is that our heart would

be watered: that the ground would be soaked; that there would come an environment conducive to receiving The Seed and bringing forth fruit after His own kind. There must be a renewing of the heart, of the mind.

Colossians 1:13 – *Who hath translated us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*

2 Peter 1:4; 2:20 – *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust...For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*

Proverbs 28:14 – *Happy is the man that feareth always: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.*

Isaiah 63:17 – *O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servant's sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.*

Hebrews 3:8,9,15,19 – *Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness; When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years...While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation...So we see they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

Matthew 13:23 – *But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it: which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

Ephesians 4:23 – *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*

Colossians 3:10 – *And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.*

### Work On Our Hearts

My God, what a tragedy it is when we have times of fellowship and then we leave and our heart was no different than when we came! What a waste of time and effort and money! So that's why we gather. You may not be learning any astounding "things", but may God work on our hearts when we gather – work on our hearts. The astounding "thing" is in you already! The Astounding One is in you already! But Lord, work on our hearts: that our hearts be open to Him, and pliable to Him. And that the deafness of it be taken away: that the Oil of Anointing come upon our ears, and deafness be taken away.

And that our hearts turn to know Him. He is in you! He – in Whom God has already spoken! Lord, work on our hearts during times of gathering. It is very much an environmental thing. So when we gather, we should all give everything we have to making that environment conducive to the revealing of the Lord Jesus Christ: not taking away from that, but conducive toward that. We should, otherwise it will just be a waste of time!

2 Corinthians 4:7 - *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us.*

Matthew 13:15 – *For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.*

Luke 24:25,31,32 – *Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken...And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*

2 Corinthians 3:18 – *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Hebrews 1:2 – *Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.*

### Christ Dying AS Us, FOR Us

Lord, deal with our hearts! So the Lord continues to do that in the dimensions of this Door, which are the dimensions of Christ, and that continues to engulf my heart and my soul. We’ve come to deal with the issue of Christ dying AS us, over against Christ dying FOR us. I have found that in my own ministry and teaching I have had the order reversed. I have been out of order in my thinking and in my presentation of that reality of His death. We certainly are not talking about Christ dying twice: but the dimensions of that Death go far beyond what we understand. And He didn’t die once AS us and then go away and come back again and die FOR us. No – it all took place at the same time: it’s all bound up in The Cross. That’s all bound up in HIS death, and the uniqueness of His Death. And so many times we have been prone to present as our first view of The Cross, of this Door, Christ dying for us: Christ dying for the sinner, Christ dying for sin. We’ve said everyone knows Christ died for us, and He paid for our sins. But I want you to know there’s a whole lot more than that! It’s not only knowing Christ

dying FOR you: it's knowing Christ died AS you. But that's out of order. That's true, but that's out of ORDER.

Hebrews 10:10,12,14 – *By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all...But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God... For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

Romans 5:6,8 – *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly...But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

### Frustration With The Cross

And I have seen this as the Lord has brought me back to The Door. I have found, since having come to some knowledge of Christ and The Cross, that for years – it's almost an annual occasion in my heart, that I come to a frustration with The Cross. Something doesn't fit: I see it in one place and then the Lord does a work in me and I'm rejoicing, but then only to be somewhere else and think... uh oh... what about this? And I've come to realize that my frustration was with THE ORDER. And that in most cases, when I was preaching Christ died AS you, I should have been presenting Christ dying FOR you. What I was saying was right, but I was just saying it in the wrong order. Everyone knows Christ died for us: so we need to know Christ died AS us. But coming to The Door, I saw that there is here in this Cross an absolute, irrevocable, eternal, irreversible, total and complete **JUDGMENT** upon mankind. And that is Christ dying AS you.

### Christ Dying As You

And that should not be presented to a Christian, to a believer who is living in Christ and yet dying daily: who is living in Christ and yet daily facing The Cross, because you face this Judgment only ONCE! The problem is that most have not faced it at all! So we've preached Christ dying as us, but we've preached it using the scriptures and the understanding that really should be used in presenting Christ dying for us, which is His death working in you. And His death works in you **CONTINUALLY**, but you see, that comes under the reality of the death He died for us. That's just another dimension of His Death. There is a finality to the Judgment that most believers have never approached, so they are always having trouble with guilt, forgiveness, or a whole list of things. This is because they have never yet here (see diagram) – in **CHRIST DYING AS US**, received into their hearts or come to understand the absolute **JUDGMENT** that comes upon the human race, the whole Adamic race: the Judgment that He brought upon it in His Death. That's the reason so many of us can not understand the grace of God! Most of us don't

really believe we need the grace of God. Most of us think that we've done a few things wrong, but I'm not such a bad person.

2 Corinthians 4:10,11 – *Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.*

John 12:31-33 – *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.*

Romans 5:2 – *By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

2 Corinthians 8:9 – *For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*

Galatians 1:15,16 – *But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal His Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.*

James 4:6 – *But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*

### The Judgment

But oh my, when you see HIM dying as every man: *“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.”* (2 Corinthians 5:14) Now that's NOT talking about you who are in Christ. It is, but it is not talking about that death, that reality. It's talking about when one died, every man, woman; every part of the Adamic creation – past, present and future was gathered up into Him, and He brought it to a complete and an absolute JUDGMENT. *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this (consequently, or bound up with that) the judgment.”* (Hebrews 9:27) For the Judgment comes with that death. When you and I begin to see that and receive that absoluteness in our hearts, it is that which prepares our heart for the grace: for THE GRACE OF GOD. Look at Romans 5:20, *“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.”* The Law entered and showed every man exactly who and what they were, and the impossibility of ever being anything else but that! Now you can agree with me or not about Romans 7, but I am convinced that Paul speaks of himself there, and he says *“... (for I speak to them that know the law,)...”* (Romans 7:1) So he

continues and speaks of himself as one who was once under the Law, and relating the complete and total frustration to which he came during the time that the Law really came to him.

Romans 3:20,23 – *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin...For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

Romans 7:7,9,10 – *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet...For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.*

### Seeing God Under The Law

In other words, He really began to see God under the Law, So much so, that he became without blame under the Law, at least in his own mind and judgment; which judgment he lost in Christ. But he speaks of that, and he finds himself as a person under the Law who, when I seek to do good, the only thing I found was that evil was with me. That's what the Law does: the more you try to do good under the Law; the Law does what it is supposed to do. It just reveals how sorry you are! So that Paul found that when he would do good, evil was present. This is a man under the Law. This is not some kind of a schizophrenic Christian. This is not somebody having a battle with the devil: this is a man who wanted to serve God, and he was trying to do it under the Law. "...*(for I speak to them that know the law,)*..." Romans 7:1) That's what all these chapters are about: this battle, this struggle under THE LAW.

Philippians 3:6 – *Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.*

1 Corinthians 4:3-5 – *But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.*

Romans 7:15,19 – *For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I...for the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.*

## The Law

And the Law does what the Law was given to do. *“And the commandment (the Law) which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.”* (Romans 7:10) And any time he would try to do good, the Law would simply show him evil, and the more he would try, the worse it would get. That’s what the Law does! It was a schoolmaster to show him the absolute FUTILITY of ever trying to be any other than who or what he was! See, most Christians have not seen that. They have accepted Salvation like some kind of a “candy bar” from God, and ‘one day they are going to die and go to Disney World! Most believers have NOT – in their heart, had to face the Judgment of The Cross. No wonder they know nothing about the grace of God. That’s the reason they say things like: ‘Now you pray for me; by God’s grace we’ll be there.’ But God’s grace has NOTHING to do with you making a trip! ‘Well, by God’s grace it may rain!’ But God’s grace doesn’t have anything to do with rain! God’s grace is found here in The Cross. There’s a death here that we are only allowed to be partakers of by the unmitigated GRACE OF GOD! It’s by God’s grace that we – by Christ, can die to this sorry condition! Because we can’t get out of it any other way! In His Judgment He adjudicated you dead, me dead – everybody else dead, and YOU ARE DEAD! And YOU are NEVER going to live again! Period!

Galatians 3:24 – *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

2 Peter 1:2 – *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.*

2 Corinthians 5:15 – *And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

Romans 7:24,25 – *O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*

## The Grace of God

It’s by the grace of God that Christ will live in you! But even coming to that we have to come through His Death: not to some realization of being dead IN sin, but the realization of being dead TO sin. The only way OUT of this condition is to die to it, and here’s where the grace of God comes in. You and I are incapable of such a death. And when you reverse this order you just confuse Christians because you’ve got all these Christians trying to figure out “how to die”. For years people have asked me, ‘Brother Luman, how do I die?’ And we say, well you’re already dead. But you’re applying that to the wrong concept of The Cross. You ARE already dead: but you’re dead here in this

Judgment. But there is a death TO that; there's another dimension to that death, and that is Christ dying FOR YOU. He had to die FOR YOU, because how can those who are dead IN sin, and adjudicated by the very Son of God Who brings that Judgment in Himself, die TO sin? But as that very mankind – He died. Yes, He died; totally dependent upon The Father to raise Him out from among the dead! Totally dependent upon The Father to not leave His soul in hell, nor suffer Him to come back into a corruptible body. He was totally dependent upon The Father for that.

Romans 6:1,2 - *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

Hebrews 2:14,15 – *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Ephesians 1:19,20 – *And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.*

Acts 2:24,27,31 – *Whom God hath raised up (Christ), having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it...Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption...He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.*

### God Provides Himself

How could anybody dead IN sin – adjudicated dead in sin, ever become dead TO it, except God provide Himself as The Way; except God provide Himself as a sacrifice, except God provides Himself? And you see, that's the miracle of Christ's death. Romans 6:10, "*In that He died...*" Yes, He did die. "*and in that He died, He died unto sin once...*" Yes He did. "*But in that He died, He died UNTO sin...*" And He's the ONLY One that could ever do it! And that's what The Door is, because in Exodus you see both the Judgment and the Grace. You see the judgment come upon the whole land: it came upon everybody in the land. It came upon Egypt, and it came upon Israel. And the only way Israel would get out of the Judgment was by the death of ANOTHER. And they didn't run out and kill an Egyptian and put his blood on the Door, because the whole thing is NOT getting out of Egypt. They didn't kill an Israelite and put his blood on the Door either. We need to see that the Door is NOT my death: the Door is NOT your death: it's NOT Israel's death: it's NOT Adam's death. The Door is the death of

**The LAMB!** It's another understanding of The Cross. It's another death. It's not dying in sin under the judgment of God. It is being made dead to sin by the grace of God!

Romans 3:23 – *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

Genesis 22:8 – *And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together.*

Exodus 12:12,13,29,30 – *For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt...And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt: for there was not a house where there was not one dead.*

### Judgment Came

It is partaking of the Death of Christ! Judgment came: judgment came with The Cross. Judgment came whether you and I like it or not, and it takes absolutely NO obedience on my part. Now, to be a partaker of that judgment does take Truth. We come to understand; but you're not going to go back and reverse that when "...one died for all, then were all dead." (2 Corinthians 5:14), because it took place. That did take place; the judgment of God is sure, the judgment of God is irreversible, the judgment of God was borne by His Son. We just haven't presented it like that. We've presented it as the death of the Christian. No, it's the death of you and me as an Adamic creation. And then to those that are dead in judgment, dead in sin – in that awful, awful judgment; now " ... where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." (Romans 5:20) Well, where did sin really abound? It abounded in Christ here at The Cross, dying as every man – past, present, and future. It abounded! And it had to: at that time He had to bring into His very being EVERY man. Why? So that every man could be partaker of the grace of God. Until JUDGMENT came upon every man, no man could partake of GRACE. Judgment always comes first!

John 12:31-33 – *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.*

John 5:25, 27- *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live... And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.*

Galatians 3:13 – *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.*

### Grace Requires Obedience

It's the same story with Noah and the Ark: Judgment – Grace. But GRACE REQUIRES OBEDIENCE. So with Israel in Egypt, God is going to move through the land that night. God Himself is going to move. He is going to bring judgment upon the dead: the graveyard of Israel, where Israel has been kept. He's going to bring judgment upon it. "...but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." (Romans 5:20) But you have to be OBEDIENT. What was the cost to not being obedient? Well, you are going to die with the rest of the Egyptians! Your firstborn is going to die too! It was the same with Noah, who found grace in the sight of God. Noah. That grace is found in Christ, but you see all Noah and his family did was enter into another death. Noah became dead to everything that was dying all around him. He became dead to that creation; he became dead to that world. He became dead to all that wasn't in the Ark. See, that's the death I'm talking about; that's the death of God provided by His Grace – becoming dead to sin.

Genesis 6:5-8, 11-13 – *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord...The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

Genesis 6:22; 7:5 – *Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he...And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him.*

Hebrews 11:7 – *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

1 Peter 3:20 – *Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

### Christ Brings Judgment

It would be alright if all those things just passed away and vanished and WE didn't have to become dead to them. Those things are typical and representative in Noah, and at the Door, but in Christ is isn't typical. In Christ – on the one hand He brings mankind to its rightful judgment: a judgment that is irreversible – dead separated from God; no way but THE WAY to God – THE WAY that God Himself provided. Speaking of that, going to the Cross, Jesus says, “*I am the way... Not only so, I am the truth* (to which you must come); and not only so, *I am the life.*” (John 14:6) But The Way to His Life is through HIS DEATH. So we are here – DEAD. And to the dead it is said by The Lord, ‘Now the dead who will hear MY voice and obey (and they that hear Me) shall live.’ The first order to which we must come before we can even begin to approach the grace of God is to bear in our hearts, to come to an understanding of THE JUDGMENT. Why do you need grace? See, we come up with all these trite reasons: ‘Well, I need the grace of God because I've got a bad temper, and God just has to help me: and if it wasn't for the grace of God, I'd just holler at everybody!’

Galatians 6:14 – *But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.*

Genesis 3:24 – *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

John 5:24,25 – *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*

### Jesus Bore The Judgment

We say we just need “the grace of God” for silly things like that. We just throw that term around. No – you need the GRACE OF GOD because you are hopelessly dead in sin! Until you come to the grace of God, you are hopelessly separated from God! My God... Christ – if we could only understand the judgment He bore in Himself when He became us. He became hopelessly, completely, totally separated from His Father! He bore that judgment. And in that He bore it for all mankind – past, present, future – He bore it eternally. Because you see, Eternity is NOT a long period of time: Eternity is NO

TIME. It is a condition into which Christ brought that judgment and took it in Himself; if you and I can ever come to comprehend such a thing. And He brought US into that judgment. That's why you NEED the grace of God! Because the grace of God provides you a way out. But the way out... is IN. The grace of God says would you like to be dead to that condition? Would you like to be dead to yourself – to all you are; what Adam is? Would you like to be dead TO that, rather than dead IN it?

Ephesians 2:1, 8 – *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins...For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*

Romans 5:8 – *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Matthew 27:46 – *And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

John 12:32 – *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 – *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

### The Death Grace Provides

We say, 'Oh God, Yes I would like to be dead to that. Is that possible? How can I die again?' Well, you CAN'T die again, but you can enter into HIS death. You can claim HIS death as YOUR death. You can reckon: Romans 6:9, 10, "Knowing *that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*" Now, based upon what HE has done: "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." He doesn't hold something out there for you to do also; because if you've got to do something then it's not grace. If you do something, it's not grace. 'Well, tell me what I can do!' You can **ACCEPT what He HAS DONE!** You can open your heart toward what He has done, and His death will begin to work in you: not that death of judgment, but that death of grace. His death – death to sin will begin to work in you, and with the working of His death in you, His Life is released! That is the daily working: that is the daily death. That is the death we face every day in the releasing of His Life, but it is NOT the condemning death; it's not the judgmental death. It's the DEATH OF GRACE; it's the death that grace has provided! Grace has provided such a death. Grace has provided such a sacrifice. Who deserved it? Nobody! Who can die such a death? No one! Again I'll say: not the blood

of an Egyptian, not the blood of an Israelite. It had to be the blood of The Lamb! Nothing but The Lamb could die such a death – nobody!

Romans 6:3,8 – *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ...Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.*

2 Corinthians 4:10-12 – *Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you.*

1 Corinthians 15:31 – *I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

1 Peter 1:18,19 – *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

#### Accepting His Death

HIS Death – they had to accept His Blood; they had to handle that. His Flesh they had to eat to know HIM – TO KNOW HIM. But you see for years in presenting The Cross I would present all the right words, but in my heart this order was not firmly established, so I would end up dealing with the Christian: applying to the Christian the judgment instead of the grace. And we've all dealt with this I'm sure. And people would say that the Gospel we preach says that we've got to die: I don't want to die – I want to live! And I would say, yes, that's right. You've just got to be willing to die. And I always wondered why people had such a hard time with that. And I began to think back forty years ago and I remembered how hard a time I had with it! But I also remembered that I had come to a very severe judgment and I was ready to embrace anything that would give me some relief! But The Lord began to show me. Christ dying AS US is the judgment. And that judgment is upon all mankind: whether they receive it or not, they're going to face it. They do, and they shall face it – the judgment is there! None shall ever live but HIM! The question is: how shall He ever live in me, in this judgment, in this condition?

John 6:53 – *Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*

John 14:19 - *... because I live, ye shall live also.*

## The Judgment

And I never appreciated this verse and ever rightly applied it in Romans 5:20, “ ... *But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.* ” But The Lord kept me in this verse for weeks. I went through years of notes, and brought it all back, and I thought, My God – this is the judgment! This is the judgment we must first face before we can ever truly begin to know and rightly appropriate the grace of God! To rightly appreciate the grace of God, of which we are all partakers, whether we appreciate it or not! But we have “problems” that are unnecessary, and we stumble and life is so hard... but that’s not necessary. Get it in order and it works! And The Lord spoke that to me in this regard: **SON, GET IT IN ORDER AND IT WORKS!** Get it in order! Here is the death that every man fears, and it has already come! He’s as dead as a doornail – and most don’t know it! But you see there’s NO Salvation to that death. There’s no resurrection out of that death. It’s just DEATH!

John 1:17 – *For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*

Hebrews 2:15 – *And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

## I’m Dead Anyway

But... to receive HIS Death: to enter in through HIS Blood: to be one of those who say, ‘Oh God, that’s the death I want.’ Well, it means death to everything that is here. It means you will be dead to sin, dead to the world, dead to self. It means that, and by this time I’m realizing I’m dead anyway! I’m dead without hope! I’m dead without God! I’m dead! And God says, ‘Well, here’s my grace! My Son died FOR you.’ Oh God, why? ‘Because I want sons. That’s the only way I can have them. I can only have them by GRACE, so I provided the way. If you want to come and be dead TO sin, you can come. There’s a way out of there, but it’s coming in to The Door. Or do you want to live there and try to make it better, and try to work it out, and try to fix it? But it’s NOT fixable! It isn’t going to work out. THE JUDGMENT. It’s without ME!’ People try to get God involved to come down and help us out. No – God has already helped us out! He’s already provided it. And you see, when you see it this way, then His Death is not such a horrible thing that we come to, is it? No, it’s the grace of God that He’s provided HIMSELF a death so that by claiming that as our own: by taking His Blood, drinking His Blood, being covered by His Blood that He has provided, we can be dead to sin, to self, to the world – to everything that we were dead IN – **BY HIS JUDGMENT!** **This is the grace of God! It’s a death we could NOT die! WE could not die that death. HE had to provide that death.**

Romans 7:24, 25 – *O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord...*

Ephesians 2:12, 13 – *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:22 – *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

### The Reward of Grace

Here it is very much OUR Death that He died, that was demanded. But that we should be allowed to die HIS death is unbelievable! Become dead to sin, but alive unto God! How? Through US living again? No – through Jesus Christ The Lord! Through HIM living! My Lord, look at the REWARD OF GRACE! No wonder, “... *my grace is sufficient for you...*” (2 Corinthians 12:9) No wonder, but I hear people say we’ve been having it rough, but by God’s grace we’ve made it through. No – by God’s grace YOU MADE IT IN! By God’s Grace YOU ARE IN CHRIST! God’s graces does a whole lot more for me than get me out of a hard spot, and get me out of some rough times.

Romans 6:11 – *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

2 Corinthians 12:9 – *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

### The Dimensions of His Death

No, God’s grace provided me a way out of this horrible, unspeakable judgment – DEATH! The way out is to die to it. We say I can’t do that, Lord. He says, ‘Yes, but I HAVE!’ But just knowing that I have is not enough. You’ve got to become partakers. “... *Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*” (John 6:53) And when you are doing that you are not dealing with the death of the Adamic creation. You are dealing with one who is in that creation waiting to be released from it, and embracing the Death of The Lamb. It is a death provided of God. Certainly there are not fifteen deaths or even two, but there are the dimensions of His Death: unto judgment, unto grace. And in my opinion it is the comprehending of the difference that will set our lives in order, and will bring a TRUE appreciation of the grace of God. So The Cross will no longer be an object of ridicule even in our hearts, or an object of reproach: but there’s THE GRACE OF GOD. He’s provided Himself a death, which I may become partaker of – with Him!

1 Peter 4:13 – *But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

Hebrews 3:1 – *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 3:10 – *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.*

1 Corinthians 1:23 – *But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness.*

### Sufferings of Grace

It’s this that has led me into a view of what I believe is the true fellowship of His sufferings, because it’s the sufferings of Grace. The TRUE fellowship of His sufferings is not things done to us out here. It’s not what some people call hardships, trials and tribulations. No, the fellowship of His sufferings is the sufferings of GRACE. “...*my grace is sufficient...*” (2 Corinthians 12:9) It’s MORE than sufficient: it’s by that grace that I become dead to all but Christ and alive to God through Christ. Now that’s the grace! And there’s no way that you and I could do that except Christ did it for us. He died FOR sin; He died FOR us. But in so doing, He died UNTO sin. My God, that we could learn to deal with one another in grace. You’ll never learn to do that until you know that God’s dealings with you are in grace. And that’s why it’s so important: we have no comprehension of the grace of God, so we have trouble dealing with one another in grace because we don’t know what grace is. Look here – we are partakers of grace, and don’t know what grace is!

1 Corinthians 10:13, 30 – *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it...For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?*

2 Corinthians 12:9, 10 – *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.*

Romans 6:11 – *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Grow In Grace

Well that shouldn't surprise us too much. We're partakers of Life and don't know what Life is either! Or Who Life is – but blessed be the Name of The Lord, we're learning. If we have a heart to learn, then He will reveal His grace in us. “...*full of grace and truth...*” (John 1:14), is He not? He will reveal His grace and truth in us that we may grow in the grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. To me this IS knowing Him in the power of His resurrection; to me this IS the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death: out from which there IS a resurrection. Yes – apprehending HIM, apprehending The Resurrection; coming to the realization that nobody lives here but CHRIST. Then we deal with one another in grace. See, the Romans didn't understand that so they said, O, we want grace to abound, so we need to go out and sin a whole lot!

John 17:3 – *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

1 John 5:11, 12 – *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

2 Corinthians 3:16, 18 – *Nevertheless when it (the heart) shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away... But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

2 Peter 3:18 – *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

Philippians 3:10, 12 – *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death... Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 2:20 – *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

Romans 3:8 – *And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil that good may come? Whose damnation is just.*

## Grace Did Much More Abound

But Paul says, wait a minute! God forbid! What are you talking about? The grace of God is that you are dead to sin! “...*But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.*” (Romans 5:20) And that’s what Christ did: He did what the Law could not do, and in doing so, He fulfilled the Law. The Law could show man to be as sorry and sinful and corrupt a reprobate as he truly is, but couldn’t do anything about it. Christ came and fulfilled the Law, and brought JUDGMENT upon that corrupt thing. But He went beyond the Law and offered GRACE. See, having now executed the judgment; having now satisfied the righteous heart of God – NOW – He gives grace to those who will be partakers of grace. So where sin abounded... Christ made it abound. How did He make it abound? He brought every man – past, present and future into Himself and killed them, brought them to the sure reward of sin – DEATH! He brought them into it, that all might be partakers of grace – none left out! Are all partakers of His grace? No, but when He died, ALL did die – JUDGMENT came!

Romans 6:1, 2 - *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

Romans 8:3 – *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.*

Romans 3:20; 7:7 – *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin...What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*

Matthew 5:17,18 – *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

John 12:32 – *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

Philippians 2:7,8 – *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Romans 6:23 – *For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

2 Corinthians 5:14 – *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.*

## Understanding That Sacrifice

And as we've said, that's why we must have grace. Grace is the only way out. But what is His grace? His grace is HIS DEATH: He provided Himself a sacrifice – for us, that we could take that sacrifice – which is Him, which is dead FOR US; and that we could present that sacrifice as our own, and The Father would receive it as our own. You can see that in all the offerings of the Old Covenant in Leviticus chapters 1-5. No wonder Paul says, “Don't you know...” “*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*” (Romans 6:3) See, we come by GRACE: by GRACE ye are saved. But don't you understand that? Evidently they did not and evidently so many today do not. And I realize that I've added to the confusion by preaching it out of order. In my mind I was trying to make the one – the other. I was trying to apply the one to the wrong one! But we have to see: here's the JUDGMENT, and with the judgment comes the GRACE, and The GRACE is the sacrifice provided.

Ephesians 2:8 – *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and this not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*

## No Resurrection Out of Death of Adam

See, I've known for some time that you don't get resurrected out of this death of Adam: that resurrection was NOT of Adam. It was NOT Adam living again. It wasn't ME living again. I know that and I had preached that. There is NO resurrection out of this death, this judgment of Adam. If you want to come out of there you've got to come BY DEATH – HIS DEATH, Death to sin. There you find resurrection: but what is resurrection? Is it YOU living again? No, it is CHRIST living in you! Oh, how simple, and yet how wonderful and beautiful when it is in order! JUDGMENT – GRACE. Now the grace of God just continues to abound: for we are always living by grace, always walking in grace, always coming, abounding – from grace to grace! Yes, that death working in us, releasing His Life; providing fertilizer for His Life, and for the growth of His Life. Yes – that death that is provided by grace. It has no fear in it, “*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*” (2 Timothy 1:7) And you need not fear the judgment. Why? The judgment has already come upon mankind, and you are included in it; but you need not fear. Why? Because God has provided GRACE! But will you come to that grace?

John 11:25 – *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.*

1 Corinthians 15:22 – *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Romans 8:1 – *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

### Grace Seen In The Person of Christ

Do you see how confused the issue can get if you don't discern between FOR US and AS US? So many Christians are right there in that confusion: even those who are embracing what we call "The Cross". Well, let The Lord deal with our hearts regarding this. Now we're talking about grace, but grace is just another word until it is seen in the very Person of Christ, and until we realize HOW He is the grace of God: by what is He the grace of God. Grace is none other but HIM, but it is Him providing Himself for us. But that doesn't mean we escape the death: it means it's only by Him we can die! We bring as our offering The Lord Jesus Christ, but YOU bring it! You bring it. YOU put the blood on the door, and YOU enter in through the Door, and then YOU sit down in your heart and soul and YOU eat the flesh of the Lamb.

John 3:16 – *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Exodus 12:6-8,11 – *And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. ..And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.*

### Grace – More Than A Word

But except He provided Himself you couldn't do that, could you? You'd just be under this judgment. May grace abound in our hearts! May we be able to minister grace one to another – true grace that is found in Christ Jesus, enabling one another to enter in by this Door, and become partakers of this grace. There is so much to be said about this. Every time I read I see it. "*Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed...*" (Romans 4:16) My word, now it's every verse in the Bible when you begin to see just a glimpse of what grace is, and where grace is, and where grace is made manifest. Then it's not just a word any more that we can misuse and misappropriate.

Romans 5:2,17 - *By whom (Christ) also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God...For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 1:6,15 – *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel...But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace.*

#### A Work of Grace

So I'm in the midst of a scripture search, and in that I've found the fellowship of His sufferings: that they are truly worked in us as a work of grace; that we can actually share that fellowship one with another. That's not my experience of my neighbor yesterday cursing me. No, the true fellowship of His sufferings that we can share the grace of God with one another, and by that build up one another. That doesn't mean getting together and having a 'pity-party'. That's not what it's about because it's not without – it's WITHIN, and we are sharing a real working of The Cross, and a real working of Christ one with another. Knowing that that's what we all need: we need a good application of GRACE. We need a good application of being dead to sin, that His Life can come forth. His Life is in you. You don't have to pump and prime The Resurrection up. The Resurrection is there! He's just waiting for somebody to be dead with Him; for it is out of that death that His Life is released. Resurrection comes forth from among the dead – dead with Him. Dead with Him to what? Dead with Him to sin; dead with Him to me, that He may abound and live.

Ephesians 4:15,16 – *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

Romans 6:5 – *For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.*

**Lord, we just thank you today for your great grace: the grace that does so abound in the hearts of those who will turn to just know YOU. Hallelujah! My, a grace that you have provided for all who will turn to see you, to know you, and to become partakers with you in your death, your burial, your resurrection; your abounding and abundant Life. Lord, just gather our hearts and minds together and do create in us these days an environment conducive to the revealing of the Son; an environment conducive to the turning of our hearts. And we thank you for it. AMEN.**

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