Grace Poured Out

Tony Mauck · 1 Timothy 1:12–17

INTRODUCTION

- Sometimes members of churches of Christ are treated as if we don't believe in the grace of God.
- If we did not believe in the grace of God, then we would reject the gospel. Because it is the gospel of his grace.

1 The Offer of Grace Is Universal in Scope

Titus 2:11; 1 John 2:2; Acts 2:21

- This message of grace is extended to everyone, but we must keep on reading in that context to know that grace instructs us to deny lust and to live sensibly and righteously and godly in this present age.
- He is the propitiation for our sin and not for our sins only. Not just Christians, but for the sins of the whole world.
- Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- In every nation, he who fears God and does what is right is welcome to him.

2 Embraced by the Faithful, Forfeited by the Slothful

Ephesians 2:8; Acts 13:43; 2 Corinthians 6:1

- This grace must be embraced to receive its full benefits by God's design. It is embraced by the faithful.
- This is what the scriptures say that it can be forfeited by the slothful.
- We urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
- Here are people who have received the grace of God and yet it becomes vain to them, empty.

3 The Grace of Our Lord Was More Than Abundant

1 Timothy 1:12–17; 2 Peter 1; Matthew 22

- I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor, and yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief.
- And the grace of our Lord was more than abundant. With the faith and the love which are found in Christ Jesus.
- Everything that God has done for man, and particularly those of us who have embraced the provisions of his grace, is extravagant.
- Many are called, but few are chosen. Only those who appreciate what God has done.

4 Grace Is Our Word; Grace Is Motivating

Acts 9:15; Acts 22:16

- Let us not be ashamed to speak of the grace of God. It is our word. It is for those who are faithful.
- If you're languishing spiritually, you need to get back to the concept of the grace of God that has been poured out for you.
- Why do you delay? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.
- He goes from persecutor to apostle to excelling example of Christ.

5 Grace Motivates Faith and Love

1 Timothy 1:14; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 13

- If we embrace the grace of God, two things result faith and love.
- It would be simply my trust in God in all that he is and in all that he says.
- It is the most productive and the highest way to regard and treat others.
- We look at people entirely different than the rest of the world does. We're not interested in using people and getting something from them.

6 Now to the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible

1 Timothy 1:17; Jeremiah 2:13; Ephesians 3:21

- Our King is indeed invisible, but he is very real. And he is the only God. He has no rival.
- There is no salvation in anyone else or in anything else.
- Immortality is brought to light through the gospel.
- They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters. And they have hewn themselves out cisterns. Broken cisterns that can hold no water.

THE CHALLENGE

Many are called, but few are chosen. Will you be one of the elect and embrace the provisions of his grace.

MY NOTES