

“God's Grace”

John 1:6-17

Introduction

- I. The subject of grace is one that goes back many years (Gen. 6:8)
- II. Without the grace of God, mankind would have been completely destroyed.
- III. Today, we all need the grace of God [without it, we have no hope].

Discussion

- I. How can we understand the grace of God?
 - A. We often refer to grace as “unmerited favor”, and that is true, but how is it extended by God [cf. Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 9)] (1 Cor. 15:9-10)?
 - B. It is open to every person, not just Jews (Rom. 3:22-30; 4:14-17).
 1. That even includes the enemies of God (Rom. 5:8-11).
 2. No man will be saved without the grace of God (Eph. 1:7; 2:4-9).
 - C. The grace of God is extended to everyone, but received by few (Titus 2:11-14; 2 Cor. 6:1; Heb. 4:16; 12:15; James 4:6).
 - D. Salvation, by God's grace, has conditions that must be met (John 8:24; Acts 17:30-31; Rom. 10:10; Acts 2:37-38 [cf. Rom. 6:1-6]).
- II. Believe or not, some do not like the grace of God when others benefit from it.
 - A. Jonah (Jonah 4:1-2).
 - B. The workers that labored longer than others (Matt. 20:1-16).
 - C. The elder son (Luke 15:25-32).

Conclusion

- I. None of us deserve what God has done for us.
- II. We should all be grateful that we serve a gracious God, Who loves us and is merciful to us.