

“The Grace of God”

Titus 3:4-7

Introduction

- I. Let us be frank, we all deserve to be punished for our sins (Rom. 6:23).
- II. Without the graciousness of God, none of us would have ever had any hope of everlasting life (Rom. 3:23-24).
- III. God's grace allows for the guilty (sinners) to have access to redemption, justification and salvation.

Discussion

- I. What is grace?
 - A. It is often described as “unmerited favor”.
 - B. In other words, we do not earn or deserve the goodness that is extended to us (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8).
 - C. When thinking of God's grace, Paul made it clear that man can never put God in debt to us by our works (Rom. 4:1-8; Eph. 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-7).
- II. Since God is gracious, does that mean that man is saved by grace only?
 - A. As was shown in the book of Ephesians, faith is essential to man's salvation (Eph. 2:8; see also Heb. 11:6).
 - B. Works of obedience are required for man's salvation (Heb. 5:9; James 2:20-24).
 - C. Noah is a great example of seeing God's grace and man's obedience (Gen. 6:8,14-22; Heb. 11:7).
- III. Will we accept God's grace and learn what he expects us to do (Titus 2:11-14)?
 - A. We cannot remain in a sinful lifestyle and expect to be saved by the grace of God (Rom. 6:1-6, 17-18, 22).
 - B. Multitudes are living their lives in rejection of God's grace.
 - 1. “It is my life, and I ought to be able to do what I want to do.”
 - 2. “God is so loving that He will not let me be lost.”
 - 3. These attitudes are deceptions that will ultimately be understood (Matt. 7:21-23).

Conclusion

- I. We should all be grateful for God's grace!
- II. Without the grace of God, we have no spiritual hope.
- III. We must be careful that we do not misunderstand God's grace if we want to have salvation, redemption and justification.