

## LIVING IN GRACE

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### INTRODUCTION

1. Our conception of *grace*. Grace does speak of God's 1] disposition towards us; 2] His acts of kindness; & 3] entire covenantal relshp. [Psa 115:1].
2. Think - "union w/ Christ." All that Triune God is to me is *in Christ* & all that I am to God is *in Christ*. [Rom 8:29].

### 1st: Standing in Grace - Rom 5:1-2

1. Our Mediator. All blessings are thru our Lord Jesus Christ - thru whom.
  - i. We do not relate to God apart from Mediator: Jesus - *in Christ*.
  - ii. Our Mediator's prayer for us - Jn 17:26 *s.t. the love w/ wh/ You loved Me may be in them & I in them*. We are loved w/ the love the Father has for the Son. [Eph 3:16-19].
2. Blessings given in past - *having been justified* - Rom 4:23-25
  - i. 1C 6:11 - personally & positionally changed
  - ii. R 5:9-11 reconciled - *new thgs have come - reconciled* [2C 5:17-18a].
3. Blessings we enjoy in the present - R 5:1-2 - *peace w/ God & introduction*
  - i. *peace w/ God* - v8-9 [1Jn 4:10].
  - ii. *our introduction* parallel to *justif & into this grace in wh/ we stand* = parallel to *peace w/ God*: given access to royalty [Eph 2:17-18]
    - a. Audience w/ monarch. Think Isa 6 - God's throne room.
4. Blessings in future - R 5:1-2 *we exult in the hope of the glory of God*
  - i. v9 - v10 *saved from wrath - life* [R 8:23-25]. R 5:3-5
  - ii. Xn life is life of faith, love, & hope. [1Th 5:9]. Celebrate!
5. Present & permanent *standing* - "cause to stand" - completed action w/ present effects. Our position - our condition - our identity *in Christ*.

### 2nd: Living in Grace

1. Inclusio of Paul's epistles.
  - i. Rom 1:7 & 16:20    viii. 1Thes 1:1 & 5:28
  - ii. 1C 1:3 & 16:23    ix. 2Thes 1:2 & 3:18
  - iii. 2C 1:2 & 13:14    x. 1T 1:2 & 6:21b
  - iv. Gal 1:3 & 6:18    xi. 2T 1:2 & 4:22
  - v. Eph 1:2 & 6:24    xii. Tit 1:4 & 3:15
  - vi. Phil 1:2 & 4:23    xiii. Phile 3 & 25
  - vii. Col 1:2 & 4:18
2. Every time we read Scripture, God is speaking to us of His grace to us in Christ. We stand in grace, we live in grace.

### 3rd: Ruled by Grace

1. Where is our Mediator? Heb 4:14-16 *the throne of grace*
2. R 5:20-21 *grace reigns* - not sin, not death: grace - King Jesus.
3. Come to table of grace! *Arise My Soul Arise* - Chls Wesley - THB #233.