

“Amazing Grace”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Reading: Acts 20:20-24

I. Living the “Gospel of the Grace of God” Every Day, (Romans 3:20-25)

A. “*By Works of Law No Flesh will be Justified . . .*,” (vs. 20)

1. One of the hardest beliefs to divest oneself of is the belief that God blesses us because we have been good.
 - a. “Being good” = we have done what God desires, and what He desires is found in His law (NT/OT).

Romans 3:20b

Galatians 3:10

James 2:10

Romans 3:10

B. “*Apart from law the Righteousness of God has been Manifest,*” (v. 21)

1. We have seen God’s law requires perfection. But we now know we are NOT (99.44%?) perfect!
 - a. Yet by His life Jesus fulfilled the conditions of law, and by His death He fulfilled penalty for our sins.

Romans 4:3

Isaiah 61:10

C. “*...the Righteousness of God is through Faith in Jesus Christ,*” (v. 22)

1. Our faith in Christ is “self-emptying.”
 - a. It requires a complete renunciation of confidence in self and a total reliance on Jesus to be saved.

- b. Therefore, Jesus is the object of “the gospel of God’s grace” and the focus of our daily walk of faith.

John 8:24

Luke 13:3

Romans 10:9

1 Peter 3:21

D. “...for All have Sinned and Fall Short of the Glory of God,” (v. 23)

1. Righteousness is available to all on the same basis because we have all sinned!
 - a. The “Gospel of God’s Grace” treats each of us the same since we are all sinners.

Matthew 25:34-36

Matthew 28:19

Mark 16:15

John 13:34-35

E. “...being justified as a gift by His grace,” (v. 24a)

1. Being “*Justified*” = “made righteous.” This is because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.
 - a. There are two courts w/which every Christian must deal . . .

1 John 3:19-20

F. “...through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” (v. 24b)

1. “Redemption” is the process by which a person is ‘bought back’ from their slavery to sin and Satan.

1 Peter 1:18-19

Romans 6:8

Colossians 2:12

G. “...whom God Displayed Publicly as a Propitiation in His Blood through Faith,” (v. 25)

1. “*Propitiation*” = Adequate sacrifice! Jesus sinless life & horrific death appeased God’s wrath for our sin.
 - a. First of all, it was God who initiated this gospel plan of grace! He provided the needed sacrifice.

Hebrews 9:14

1 John 1:7

CONCLUSION:

Romans 8:1

Galatians 3:26-27

Romans 6:1-4