

Midweek Study

Notes

GOD'S
Dream Church

Through 1 Timothy

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

His Grace Reached Even Me

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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John Newton (1725-1807) Clerk; once an infidel and libertine a servant of slaves in Africa, was by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had long labored to destroy.

"My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour."

"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am"

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

WHAT IS GRACE? God's kindness to me I don't deserve.

John R. W. Stott - Grace is love that cares and stoops and rescues.

William Barclay – The word grace emphasizes at one and the same time the helpless poverty of man and the limitless kindness of God.

C.S. Lewis – Grace substitutes a full, childlike, and delighted acceptance of our Need, a joy in total dependence. We become "jolly beggars".

See John 1:14 and Ephesians 2:1-10

I. I WILL MINISTER HIS GRACE. (1:12)

IF GOD CAN USE ME, HE CAN USE ANYONE!

12- Wuest, *"I am constantly grateful to the One who ENDUED ME WITH THE NECESSARY STRENGTH, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He deemed me trustworthy, HAVING PLACED ME in service."*

A) I'm Grateful He Rescued Me. (1:12a) "Christ Jesus our Lord"

15- Phillips, *"...Christ Jesus entered the world to RESCUE SINNERS..."*

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B) I'm Grateful He Supported Me. (1:12b) *"who has enabled me"*
12- RHM, *"Grateful am I unto him that EMPOWERED ME..."*
12- NEB, *"...Who has made me EQUAL TO THE TASK..."*
Phil 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
I can't, but He can, therefore I can – LET'S GO!

C) I'm Grateful He Trusted Me. (1:12c) *"He counted me faithful"*

D) I'm Grateful He Called Me. (1:12d) *"putting me into the ministry"*

II. I WILL MODEL HIS GRACE. (1:13-16)

IF GOD CAN SAVE ME, HE CAN SAVE ANYONE!

Romans 5:20b *...But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.*

A) MY GUILT (1:13-16)

1) a blasphemer

- one who speaks evil against God
- compelled others to speak evil against Him
- Acts 26:11 says he tried to force Christians to blaspheme against Christ
- Is there any hope for one like this?

2) a persecutor

- Paul persecuted both Christ and Christians
- Gave consent to the death of Stephen

3) an insolent man

- one with no concern for human kindness
- Paul was arrogant and a bully!

4) I AM chief of sinners (v.15)

- His use of the term "worst" (protos), literally "first", does not merely suggest the idea of first in order but the concept of the most prominent or leading.

PROGRESSION OF PAUL'S HUMILITY

- 1) *"For I am the least of the Apostles"* (1 Cor. 15:9)
- 2) *"[I am] less than the least of all the saints"* (Eph 3:8)
- 3) *"[I am] the worst sinner of all"* (1 Tim 1:15)

B) HIS GIFTS (1:13-16)

- He gave me EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANT GRACE (v.14)
14- Williams, *"And the spiritual blessing of our Lord IN INCREASING FLOODS (Lit. flowed superabundantly) has come upon me, accompanied by faith and love inspired by union with Christ Jesus."*
- He gave me FAITH (v.14)
- He gave me LOVE (v.14)
- He gave me MERCY (v.16)
- He showed me ALL LONGSUFFERING (v.16)
16- Knox, *"...give the EXTREME example of his patience..."*

III. I WILL MAGNIFY HIS GRACE. (1:17)

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Wonderful grace, all sufficient for me, for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame,
O magnify the precious Name of Jesus. Praise His Name