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Jn. 1:14-18

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15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and **grace for grace.**

17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* **grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, **he hath declared *him*.**

A few weeks ago, we began to behold the grace so amazing in Christ's *Incarnation*. Born of a virgin, the Lord Jesus Christ was God in the flesh, the God/Man who gave Himself for mankind.

The next week, we observed the grace so amazing as we looked at Jn. 1:15, and we beheld the *Identification* of Christ as witnessed by John the Baptist and should be the testimony of all believers.

I. GRACE SO AMAZING TO BEHOLD IN CHRIST'S INCARNATION, 1:14

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A. Behold the Amazing Tabernacle – “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”

B. Behold the Amazing Truth – “...(and **we beheld his glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth**.”

II. GRACE SO AMAZING TO BEHOLD IN CHRIST'S IDENTIFICATION, 1:15

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- A. The Present Witness of His Person – 1:15a “John bare witness of him...”
- B. The Powerful Witness of His Preeminence – 1:15b “...and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me...”
- C. The Prophetic Witness of His Pre-existence – 1:15c “...for he was before me.”

This morning, we continue to behold the grace so amazing as we look at Jn. 1:16, and we behold the *Imputation* of Christ.

III. GRACE SO AMAZING TO BEHOLD IN CHRIST'S IMPUTATION, 1:16

Jn. 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and **grace for grace**.

A. The Fulness of Christ, 1:16a “And of **his fulness...**”

❖ The Lord Jesus Christ is all that a believer needs for anything and everything.

Original Word: πλήρωμα **Transliteration:** pléróma

Definition: fullness, a filling up

Usage: (a) a fill, fullness; full complement; supply, patch, supplement, (b) fullness, filling, fulfillment, completion. *plérōma* – "sum total, fulness, even (super) abundance"

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Col. 1:19 For it pleased *the Father* that **in him should all fulness dwell;**

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, **by him to reconcile all things unto himself;** by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

❖ The emphasis for our grace so amazing centers upon “his fulness.”

❖ “His fulness” is reiterated in several Scriptures:

Col. 2:9 For **in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**

10 And **ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:

Eph. 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,
23 Which is his body, **the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**

Eph. 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**

Eph. 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, **unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

- ❖ Salvation is totally dependent upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

❖ True spirituality is found in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ and is connected to us by faith in Him and His work. No other works will suffice for salvation.

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: ***it is the gift of God:***
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

B. The Fairness for Christians, “...have **all we** received...”

- ❖ If a person is truly a born-again believer, it is because of the personal reception of Christ, and is all-inclusive for each and every person who puts their faith in Him.
- ❖ Salvation is the same for each believer:

Rom. 3:22 Even **the righteousness of God *which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:*** for there is no difference:

❖ Reception of “His fulness” is available to all sinners.

1 Jn. 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And **he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world.***

Eph. 4:7 But **unto every one of us is given grace** according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Titus 2:11 For **the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,**

- ❖ Reconciliation of sinners to God is made possible only by the blood of Christ as His righteousness is imputed to repentant believers by faith.

Rom. 3:25 **Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood,** to declare **his righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

1 Jn. 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that **he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.**

C. The Foundation for Christianity –
“...and **grace for grace.**”

- ❖ Faith is the foundation of Christianity and the believers have access into grace for salvation by faith in Christ.

Titus 3:7 That **being justified by his grace**, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Rom. 3:24 **Being justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom. 5:2 **By whom also we have access by faith into this grace** wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

❖ Grace is so amazing as it is accessed by faith and provides confidence for standing in life, accompanied with rejoicing, focusing upon the glory of God.

Eph. 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew **the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

2 Cor. 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee:** for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- ❖ Believers possess grace for new grace, continuous grace, and uninterrupted grace.
- ❖ Having “grace for grace” is a multifaceted provision that “blankets” all believers for all needs.
- ❖ Whether it be for salvation, sanctification or service, believers do not “deserve” any of God’s blessings. He gives grace for all that a believer needs in order to glorify Him.

Jas. 4:6 But **he giveth more grace**. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Summary

- ❖ Grace is so amazing as witnessed in the *Incarnation, Identification, and Imputation* of righteousness that is through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ❖ The fulness of Christ have we all received, and **grace for grace.**

Conclusion

- ❖ Believers have continuous and uninterrupted grace on a daily basis for all needs to live for the glory of God.
- ❖ Believers will discover new grace for any unexperienced situation that arises.

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But **the God of all grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Pet. 3:18 But **grow in grace**, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.