**WHEN GRACE SHOWS UP**

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 O the Spirit of GRACE! Aren’t you glad that the Grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared to all men? This little 5 letter Word is filled with never ending Love and Power from the Heart of God! **GRACE** means: “Having the Favor of God. It is God’s Love bestowed upon man to Save him, Heal him, Strengthen him and Help him make it through.” Grace is the Spring and Source of all blessings and benefits that we receive from the hand of God. It is the Divine Inspiration of our Creator sent to us by His Holy Spirit that Renews our hearts and puts comfort and strength in the soul. When you’re at your lowest, weakest and feel the most hopeless is when GRACE shows up! Hallelujah! The devil has come too late to tell me that I can’t make it. He can never persuade me in this Good Way to let up, slow up, shut up, hang it up and give up my Faith! Never! I know what He’s done for me! I know what He’s brought me out of. I know where I’ve been and where I’m headed. On April 28th I will be Saved 40 Years and I can tell you – He’s done me nothing but Good!

 I know a good Christian man who is 87 years old now (Bro. Wilburn Chafin, who was an alcoholic for 38 long years. He layed on the river bank drunk with his alcoholic buddies for years. He knew nothing about the Lord. Leaving the flood wall of the river he passed by a Church one time and heard them singing Amazing Grace and thought they were singing about a woman named Grace. Little did he know that just a short time later he would find out what Grace really was. His wife got saved about a year before he did. Something began to happen to Wilburn. He got sick of the bottles of whiskey, the drunkenness and the life he was living in sin. He came home after drinking and asked his wife if he could go to Church with her. She said yes! Somebody was already there waiting on this poor man when he got there. Good old Holy Ghost conviction got a hold of him and the Grace of God drew him to the altar. On his knees that night, God sobered him up, saved him, broke the chains and delivered him from the addiction and he’s never been the same! Yes it makes a difference when Grace shows up!

Can I tell you that GRACE is a Spirit? (O the Spirit of Grace!) **Zechariah 12:10** God said – “And I will pour upon the House of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of Grace.” The Bible said that it is by Grace that ye are saved. I’m here to tell you that Grace is the Mother of all Mercy. It came from the very throne of God, and when she came, she brought with her God’s Heart of tender Mercy. She came to our lost dying world filled with poor hurting people. She came to the downcast and downtrodden to lift them up out of the dust and set them among Princes. She came to the blind to open their eyes and bring them out of darkness. Glory to God she came to those in prison, saying, you can go free! To the hopeless she says, there’s a way out – just look up, Jesus still saves and He’s got something far better for you. To the afflicted, the wearied and troubled, she says – there’s a way through! To those who feel they’re stranded, she says – there’s a way across! Well Hallelujah, I feel the Lord telling somebody – “It’s not the end, God is not done with you yet!!” I want you to know that Grace will be there in your time of need! It will show up in your Midnight hour of trial when things look the darkest. She will come in the midst of your afflictions saying – just hold on and keep trusting, I’m going to bring you through! God would have you know child that His Grace is stronger than deliverance! Deliverance can be a one time deal, but Grace keeps on showing up – touching and moving over and over again. O how good it would be to be delivered completely for good at one time, totally free from now on until you get to Heaven and never suffer trials and never feel pain again! But God is saying – “I’ll be there when you’re hurting, I’ll bring you through the floods and they’ll not overflow you. I’ll take you through the fire and not allow you to be burnt. I’ll bring you through all your troubles dear child. I’ll send you my Good Grace when you’re tempted and make a way for you. My Grace will sustain, uphold and keep you!

**GOD HAS YOU IN HIS DIVINE PLAN**

 I want you to know if you’re truly serving the Lord and your trust is in Him, He will take your life and use it to give others Hope! Remember, nothing ever takes God by surprise – Your Life is Planned. He knows where you are. He knows the route He is taking you and what you are going through. He also knows what you will go through and when to come and move. The Apostle Paul saw it in his own life. He told Timothy, “Timothy, God told me that I would suffer many things but He is using me as a pattern (example) to others to help them believe. When they see how God has had mercy on me, when they see how He keeps on delivering me and bringing me through all my hard places it will give them HOPE! Timothy, I am what I am by the Grace of God.”

**YOU ARE IN GOD’S BLUEPRINT**

 Dear child of God, your life down here in this world is like a giant piece of paper on which God has sat down and drawn a blue print. Each line on His schematic has been drawn by Grace. On my job, I operate six 3 Million dollar electric furnaces that melts metal alloys. When I have an alarm indicating an electrical break down, I call for the electricians. When they come, they pull out the

prints and diagrams for that furnace that shows where all the different wires are. They can trace where each wire runs and what they are all connected to. They can see every area the current flows and its direction of travel to make the furnace operate. That current will flow through many diodes, sensors, boxes and switches, zig zagging and crisscrossing back and forth to meet all the proper connections just at the right time energizing different components as it goes. If it fails to meet a certain point when it should, a breaker could kick out or a diode or fuse may blow and we would lose power to the furnace and as a result the alloy metal we were melting for the customer would be lost!

 We are like that current. We will pass through many connections in life. God is the master blue print designer. He looks down and sees the whole picture and He knows just where we are. All the lines may seem to intersect to us and not make sense, but they all meet at their designed place that’s been planned by an all wise God. Listen, each route God takes you in life is for a purpose. It might not make sense to us now, but in the end, it will touch others and bring Glory to God. He knows our limitations, He knows our frailty, He sees us in our trial, but remember, He is taking us somewhere! There is definitely a reason why we go through things. You may question why you suffer or why the road you took had to go the direction it did, but don’t ever forget – Grace is with you! Let her guide you and do her perfect work. Grace will strengthen you. On our way through life, our lives will intersect with other people. You see, the Lord brings us to certain places for a while or maybe a brief space of time and there in that ordained place that is planned by God you will meet people in need, people who are hurting and thank God GRACE shows up! Hallelujah! These people need help. The only way they can see their way out and have hope – They must see the Grace of God at work in you! Listen, God’s Grace draws the blueprint and He puts you in places for others’ sake. The very thing you are going through and may not like, if you face it with the right attitude in prayer – it could be the very thing that will help save a precious soul, point them in the right direction and give them hope. You have prayed, you have said – “O God, would you use me? Let me be a witness for you. Let me be a light to others so they’ll come to know how good you are!” So your Heavenly Father draws the blueprint! And in His schematic are the places and circumstances you will come to, to meet the people you are ordained to help and inspire. Don’t ever forget Child of God – Grace will be with you! If you’re serving God the best you know how, then you are where you are maybe for a reason. Children, do what God has called you to do! It may hurt, but remain faithful to His Will. Glory will always come out of your trials. Your suffering is not in vain!

 Apostle Paul is a wonderful example. He said – “I have had my share of troubles, been in ship wrecks and battled with the enemy. I’ve had my times of sorrow but I still rejoiced. I know where I’ve been and what my God has brought me through. I know where I’m headed. It may seem to some that I am poor, but O what I possess! I am a rich man beyond measure for in me dwells a Heavenly Treasure. O by God’s wonderful Grace what I have been able to give others! You see, death worketh in me but life in you.”

 I think many people miss God’s best because they don’t recognize the place they’re in. They become disgruntled and fight against it, not realizing that precious souls are all around them needing Gods touch, needing His Love, needing a Light to shine in their darkness to show them a way out. I personally know of precious saints who have suffered but their very Faith and Trust in God shined out like a beacon to those around them going through it. I have seen the sweetest spirit emanating from children of God as they lay in their hospital beds. They maintained a peace and a total commitment to the Lord they served. They were a light to the nurses, doctors and others who entered their room during their stay. Thank God, it makes a world of difference when Grace shows up! The load is much easier to bear. The valley is not near as deep when you know that God is with you. I really believe God’s Grace is sufficient and what He doesn’t keep you from, He will keep you through. He may not always keep you from the fiery furnace, but He will surely keep you through it. Children, there’s no time to turn bitter on life, now is the time to shine and give others hope.

 There was a man one time who stood to his feet in Church at prayer request time and gave his request for everyone to pray that God would move and give him another job at a different place because all the people were sinners that he worked with. The Pastor looked at him and very politely said, “Dear Brother, have you stopped to think that maybe God has you there for a purpose to be a light to those lost souls and you may be their only light they will ever see. You may be their only witness to lead them to your Saviour!” Let God’s Grace make you an inspiration. You see, when God helps you and when He touches you – others will see and take notice. They see that God is real in your life and it leads them to call on your Saviour. They must desire what you have and want your Jesus! It pays to serve the Lord! It shows the world around you that God cares, He saves and he will give peace.

**JUST TAKE IT TO JESUS!**

 God will always take care of His own. Just hold on children, Grace will take you through the tightest places that you never thought you could go through. **I Pet. 5:10** – But the GOD OF ALL GRACE who hath called us unto His eternal Glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen and settle you.

 Can I tell you that where sin abounds Grace doth Much More Abound, for it is far greater than sin? It’s greater than our every weakness. You will never go down a road of pain and suffering, what Jesus hasn’t already been down. He’s acquainted with our grief and sorrow. But He is now at the right hand of the Father, interceding for you and me. He knows our hurts and pains. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He says to you – “Child, I know your needs. I have been there. I have been down your road. I’ve been through it all and know how you feel! I’m going to take you and all your needs to my Father.” **Heb. 4: 14-16** – (Paraphrasing) - Seeing then that we have such a Faithful High Priest that is passed into the Heavens – Jesus the Son of God, Let us come boldly to the THRONE OF GRACE that we may obtain mercy and find GRACE to help in the time of need.

 Children, don’t you think that when we get answers for our prayers and find Grace for ourselves, that we can reach out and help others who are going through it? YES!

**Rom. 5:2** – By Whom (Through Jesus) also we have access by Faith INTO THIS GRACE wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the Glory of God.

 Children, the Will of God will never lead you where the Grace of God cannot keep you!

***God's Grace is Sufficient***

 In God’s Holy, written Word we read,
His grace is sufficient to meet every need.
How clear this truth is brought into view,
When trials come, and so often they do.
It’s in these times, to Him we flee,
Bowing in submission, on bended knee.
We then become His softened clay,
Ready for molding, as humbly we pray.
Heartache, tragedy, disappointment, and pain,
Are the Potter’s tools for our spiritual gain.
Whatever hardships we encounter each day
Only conform us to His will and way.
Our Lord walks with us, as we go through it all,
Many times carrying us, lest we should fall;
And that truth which we simply believed before,
Now comes into focus even more;
For the written words on the pages we see
Have truly become a reality -
And we know more fully what it’s all about...
God’s Grace Is Sufficient without a doubt!!!

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"My GRACE is Sufficient for thee;
for my strength is made perfect in weakness"
(11 Cor. 12:9)

 In ending his letter to the Galatians Paul wrote: **Gal. 6:18** – Brethren, the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen

 In ending, I would like to say – God really loves you more than you will ever know. He loves and cares for precious souls all around you who are hurting and have no hope or help unless you take the Love and Grace of God to them. Dear Brother and Sister, let them see God’s Wonderful Grace. He has a purpose and a place for you to be His Minister of GRACE! May God Bless my readers!