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The Grace Awakening

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Hebrews 12:15

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.



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JOHN 1:16-17

Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

I. INTRODUCTION



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II. The Influential Roles of Grace

A. Grace and our Salvation

WE NEED GOD'S GRACE TO RECEIVE THE GIFT OF SALVATION

Acts 15:11

No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.



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THE TAG TEAM ELEMENTS OF GRACE

By Grace

1. You can't do anything to earn your salvation. Therefore, you can't brag or boast in any form or fashion. Any works that you engaged in during the process of salvation was still a product of his grace.
2. You can't do anything to lose your salvation. Your eternity is secure IF, you had a genuine, and not false conversion experience.
3. You are one of God's elect, or chosen ones. God gives saving grace to those He has chosen before the foundations of the world to be saved. (Ephesians 1:4-5) Saving grace is one of the proofs that you are apart of the elect.



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Through Faith

1. Faith is the divine force, and spiritual phenomena that attracts and activates what some refer to as saving grace. It very well may be behind all other forms of grace.
2. The faith we possess has to be genuine for the grace we receive to be genuine. Pseudo faith can only produce cheap grace. Cheap grace can only produce false salvation experiences.
3. If you don't have enough faith to believe in the authenticity of the death, burial, resurrection and lordship of Jesus Christ, you are not saved. Therefore, this notion of universalism, or everyone being saved in the end is a heresy.



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B. Grace and our Sanctification

WE NEED GOD'S GRACE TO HELP US EXCEL AND GROW IN OUR WALK

POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION

Positional sanctification is the imputed righteousness we acquire by being connected to Jesus, and covered by His blood.

REASON FOR THE POSITIONAL

We have a fallen nature, and therefore are only able to meet God's standard of righteousness through the finished work of Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross. (John 1:29)



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ROLE OF THE POSITIONAL

Positional sanctification covers our sins past, present and future. It enables us to be favored by God and be in His presence. (Micah 7:19)

RESULT OF THE POSITIONAL

Positional sanctification gains us the right to eternal life in heaven. (Jn 3:16)



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PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION

Practical sanctification is the implemented righteousness we must exhibit to prove our commitment and faithfulness to Christ and his kingdom.

REASON FOR THE PRACTICAL

Practical sanctification enables us to play our role in advancing the kingdom of God in the earth. It helps us to excel at the planting and watering we called to do as Christ followers. (1 Co 3:6)



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ROLE OF THE PRACTICAL

Practical sanctification enables us to be good witnesses for Christ, and fulfill our divine purposes in the earth. (2 Tim 4:7)

RESULT OF THE PRACTICAL

Practical sanctification enables us to experience the abundant life of Christ on the earth. (Jn 10:10)



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C. We need God's grace to help us excel and grow in our work

THE IMPACT OF GRACE ON OUR WORK ETHIC

One of the secret ingredients to achieving excellence and greatness in our work is the grace of God. Grace is often incredibly at work, in our work even when we don't realize it. Many of the historical greats didn't realize that it was the grace of God that enable them to do what they did.



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1. APPROACHING BOLDER (Pr 28:1)

God's grace enables us to approach all we do with a greater sense of boldness.

2. ATTEMPTING BIGGER (1 Sam 17:36)

God's grace gives us the courage to dream and strive for greater things

3. ACHIEVING BETTER (Eph 3:20)

God's grace empowers us to be more effective and efficient in our work.

4. AVOIDING BURNOUT (Col 1:29)

God's grace keeps us from experiencing unnecessary burnout.



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D. GRACE AND OUR SATISFACTION

WE NEED GOD'S GRACE TO HELP US EMBRACE THE JOY OF
THE LORD DURING GOOD AND BAD TIMES

It's not easy for most to demonstrate joy in the face of difficult or sorrowful time. However it's possible through the grace that is available through God.



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1. THE MISSION OF UNCONDITIONAL JOY (Phil 3:14)

We have to strategically purpose and plan to have unconditional joy.

2. THE MESSAGE OF UNCONDITIONAL JOY (Pr 18:21)

We have to speak joy to ourselves, not sadness to have unconditional joy.

3. THE MINDSET FOR UNCONDITIONAL JOY (Phil 2:5)

We need to have a Christ like attitude to have unconditional joy.

4. THE MATURITY FOR UNCONDITIONAL JOY 1 Co 13:11)

We have to rise above our immature ways to experience unconditional joy.

5. THE MEDICINE FOR UNCONDITIONAL JOY Isaiah 38:21)

Sometimes our help with unconditional joy comes in the form of healing foods
or medications



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E. GRACE AND OUR SUFFERING

WE NEED GOD'S GRACE TO HELP US TO PRACTICE SUFFERING WELL

THE KEY ASPECTS OF SUFFERING GRACE

Suffering always have been, and always will be a very important part of victorious Christian living. You can't do anything great for the kingdom of God if you are afraid, or unwilling to suffer for the sake of advancing the kingdom of God. Christ suffered for us and we ought to be willing to suffer for Him. That's the deal we signed up for when we gave our heart to Him.



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1. THE GRACE TO EMBRACE SUFFERING (Mt 16:24)

We must welcome suffering as an crucial part of our walk of faith like Paul

2. THE GRACE TO ENDURE SUFFERING (2 Tim 2:3)

We must learn how to persevere during intense forms of suffering like Job

3. THE GRACE TO EXCEL AT SUFFERING (Acts 5:41)

We must learn how to go through sufferings with style and grace like Jesus

4. THE GRACE TO ENCOURAGE SUFFERING (1 Pe 4:1)

We must encourage ourselves and others to suffer for doing right like Peter



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F. GRACE AND I.D.A.R.E

WE SHOULD PROACTIVELY DO THINGS THAT WILL HELP GAIN
GREATER ACCESS TO GREATER GRACE

THE TOOLS THAT ACCESS GREATER GRACE

I= INTENTIONAL INVESTMENTS (Galatians 6:7-9)

Dispersing generous amounts of grace and graciousness into the lives
of others

D= DIVINE DESIRES (Acts 13:22)

Developing ourselves into men and women who seek the heart of God



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A= AUTHENTIC ADORATION (Psalms 42:1)

Demonstrating a highly genuine and special love for God

R= RIGHTEOUS REQUEST (Matthew 6:9-13)

Delivering your prayers according to the word, will and ways of God

E= EAGER EXPECTATIONS (1 Corinthians 1:20)

Displaying great hope and excitement for the grace that is needed to fulfill your