

Grace, a Complete Package

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Introduction

- Have you ever received something with missing parts?
- God's grace comes in a complete package.
- In our study, we will unpack this grace and see what it contains.

S_____ sinners from sin (13-15)

- The trustworthy statement or saying in verse 15 was derived from Jesus's words to the scribes and Pharisees in Lk 5:29-32 – *Jesus, the Christ, came into the world to save s_____*
 1. Paul called himself the _____ of sinners (v. 15b)
 - a. He blasphemed Jesus, God in the flesh (v. 13) – the penalty of blasphemy was d_____ (Lev 24:16).
 - b. He was v_____ toward Christians and even voted for their deaths (v. 13)
 2. Paul stated that the Lord's grace toward Him was more than abundant. In other words, _____ flowing (v. 14)
- Is there anyone that is too much of a sinner to be saved?
 1. Jesus came into the world to save s_____.
 2. Jesus poured out His g_____ on you when you trusted Him.

S_____ saints for service (12)

- Jesus *considered* Paul faithful and put him into service
 1. This does NOT mean that God f_____ that Paul would be faithful. That is reading into the text something that is not there.
 2. The word is used in 1 Tim 6:1 commanding slaves to *consider* their unbelieving masters as worthy of a _____ honor.
 - a. Some masters may have been worthy of s_____ honor, but no one is worthy of all honor.
 - b. Therefore, the word means *to deem it as so* even if it is not so.
 3. Jesus deemed Paul as faithful to serve Him and He deems us as faithful also.
- Our service to Jesus

1. Every believer is called a saint, which means *one who is set apart to s_____*. Just as Paul was saved to serve, so are we believers.
2. Service is not us working for Jesus on our own, but Jesus working His p_____ through us. As Paul was strengthened for service, so are we saints.
 - a. Eph 5:18 – *be f_____ with the Holy Spirit*
 - b. Gal 5:17 – *walk by the S_____*
 - c. 1 Pet 4:11 – *serve with the strength that God s_____*
3. We are strengthened to serve Christ when we:
 - a. W_____ as to Him (Eph 6:7)
 - b. W_____ when there is an opportunity (Rom 1:16)
 - c. Meet a n_____ because He wants us to (emotional, physical, psychological, financial, etc.)

S_____ the spotlight on the Savior (16,17)

- Why did Paul point to himself as being considered faithful for service, or the worst of sinners, or as one who found mercy? - Only for the purpose of shining the spotlight on Jesus.
 1. That JESUS would demonstrate His perfect p_____ for future believers (16)
 2. That honor and g_____ be given to JESUS forever! (17)
- When you reflect on your salvation - it was all g_____ - God's undeserved gift to you (Eph 2:8,9). Shine the spotlight on Him.
- When you reflect on your service to the Lord – get excited that God's grace will empower you each day to serve Him in your job, to serve your family, to serve other believers, to serve the lost. Shine the spotlight on Jesus.

Conclusion:

The complete package of grace: Jesus saves sinners to serve Him in His power so that He is glorified.

1. Are you saved?
2. Are you serving in His power?
3. Are you glorifying Jesus?