



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Evening Sermon by Ray Reynolds (5-27-18)

Introduction: Tonight, we are going to talk about grace. This is one of those special words that belongs to the child of God. The dictionary defines grace as *"unmerited help given to people by God."* **II Corinthians 1:12-14** says, *"Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace. For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand. And I hope that, as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus."* We do not deserve the grace of God, but we have it! I would like to show you seven things a child of God can enjoy because of grace. Let's study together...

Discussion:

1) The Grace of God Saves (Romans 3:24)

"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

2) The Grace of God Stands (Romans 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."

3) The Grace of God Surprises (I Corinthians 15:8-10)

"And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

4) The Grace of God Strengthens (II Corinthians 12:9)

"And he said to 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."

5) The Grace of God Satisfies (Ephesians 2:7-8)

"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"

6) The Grace of God Supplies (Ephesians 3:7-8)

"Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;"

7) The Grace of God Supports (Hebrews 4:16)

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Conclusion: Many things in life will fail us: family, friendships, health, riches and wealth. However, there is one thing that every child of God possesses that can never fail and that is the grace of God! **II Corinthians 9:8** says, *"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."* Have you accepted God's grace? Will you share God's grace with others?