

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Prayer Service  
Theme : Being Proved to be a Blessing  
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**TITLE : THE PRACTICAL POWER OF THE GRACE OF GOD**

Text/s :

1 Cor 15:10

10 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 laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

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1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

KJV

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

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2 Peter 3:14-18

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

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.

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Bible Reading :

Song/s :

Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

The power of the Grace of God should is one thing that should be evident both in our lives and in what we are as Lighthouse BBC.

The grace of God makes us. As it does, it corrects our mind sets and our perspectives.

**A) The grace of God is our power in being able to overcome our sinful tendencies.**

The last of God's Ten Commandments—and probably the most difficult to obey—deals with the sin of covetousness. “Thou shalt not covet . . . any thing that is thy neighbour's” (Exodus 20:17). “Take heed, and beware of covetousness” warned the Lord Jesus, “for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth” (Luke 12:15). This warning introduced His parable of the rich man whom God called a fool. “So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God” (Luke 12:21).

**The grace of God is sufficiency. In sufficiency is contentment. Therefore, the grace of God is the antidote for covetousness.**

2 Cor 12:9

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.  
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2 Cor 3:5

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;  
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1 Tim 6:7-10

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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Heb 13:5-6

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

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1 Tim 6:5-10

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

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**B) The grace of God is our power in being able to overcome our limitations.**

## **The grace of God is perfect in the midst of our weakness**

2 Cor 12:10

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.  
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Heb 4:16

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.  
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Heb 11:33-37

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,  
34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.  
35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:  
36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:  
37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;  
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### **C) The grace of God is our power in being to perform.**

#### **It is through grace that we see the mighty power of God working**

Phil 2:13

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.  
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“The working of his mighty power” (Ephesians 1:19) appears to be “the manifestation of the Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:7) displayed among God’s people by means of the gifts that the Holy Spirit has graced us with. Paul’s ability to minister was “according to the gift of the grace of God given unto [him, Paul] by the effectual working of his power” (Ephesians 3:7).

Eph 1:19

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,  
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Eph 3:7

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.  
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1 Cor 12:7

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.  
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1 Cor 12:7-18

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.  
8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;  
10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:  
11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.  
12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.  
13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.  
14 For the body is not one member, but many.  
15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?  
16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?  
17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?  
18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.  
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Rom 12:6-8

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;  
7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching;  
8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.  
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**D) The grace of God is our power in being about to perform even more abundantly.**

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2 Cor 11:23-30

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.  
24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.  
25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;  
26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;  
27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.  
28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.  
29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?  
30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.  
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2 Cor 12:11-12

11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.  
12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.  
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Eph 3:7-12

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8 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;  
9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:  
10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,  
11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:  
12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.  
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Phil 4:13

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.  
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