

I Am What I Am by the Grace of God

1 Corinthians 15: 10-11

What is Grace?

3 expanded definitions:

1. Grace is love in action by God through us.
2. Grace is the giver of power that enables me to obey The Word of God.
3. Grace is God's divine presence influencing me and it accompanies me in relational struggles.

Let us recap the 5 dimensions of grace.

1. Grace- (Titus 2:11) Grace has appeared and is available to all men. It is God's understanding favor to extend a relationship with you and me.
2. Multiplied grace- (2 Peter. 1:2) produces multiplied peace when under multiple hits and attacks.
3. Great grace- (Acts 4:33) is used to perform the work of God.
4. All Grace- (2 Corinthians 9:8) will abound towards you. God holds nothing back to make us sufficient in all things.
5. Dispensers of Grace- (1 Peter 4:10) Highest, most mature level.

These are 5 dimensions of grace we must learn to:

1. Receive.
2. Comprehend.
3. Apply personally.
4. Dispense to others if we want to grow personally, win souls, and grow the KCC (Kingdom Community Culture).

When Paul personalized God's grace into his own life, he began going to next level thinking. Paul's zeal, fear, and his dedication was all rooted in his willingness to personalize grace to his private life, thoughts and his emotions.

In other words, we cannot go to *next level thinking for the KCC* until we personalize grace in our own lives. Galatians 1:14-15

God uses all of Paul's life to operate grace through him. Even from his mother's womb.

1. Even from childhood trauma.
2. Even from family abandonment.
3. Even from relationship loneliness.
4. Even from parental abuse.
5. Past addictions that still scar you.

Paul was condemned by the Jewish Apostolics because he tortured and killed many of them. He had to fight through the memory of his wrongdoing. This kind of grace brought Paul to obedience to God's Word. It brought him to a place where he was willing to give his entire life to God without reserve. (2 Corinthians 11: 21-30) The power of grace drove Paul to submit willingly to this. This was great grace, which we see in Acts 4:33.

We need to change how we view relational conflict, if we are going to combat the spirit of insanity. (Titus 3:5-7) This is God applying grace to our motives, emotions, and our purpose.

Why is this all-important?

(John 8:7) You cannot dispense real grace to others when you allow sin and wounds to remain in your heart. You can't go to the next level of thinking. Love is who I am- Grace is who I become.

(John 20:25-27) When Jesus arose, His wounds were healed. Now, He can allow others to touch Him and be transparent and vulnerable. We must be emotionally healed to our wounds in order to dispense grace and love to others, and to allow them to touch us. This kind of grace is tied into resurrected power. It unifies us when we are unified internally with ourselves. (Ephesians 4:29) How we talk determines our unity with each other and what happens to us in trials.

The Absence of Grace in our Lives Produces:

1. Excessive fears(distrust) towards others, ourselves and God because grace calms and justifies us against our intellect, our past and current taunting of factual data.
(Titus 3:5-7)
2. Replaying past offensives over in our heads because we do not apply grace to the defeat.
3. Replaying past offensives over in our heads because we refuse to allow grace into that situation.
4. Double mindedness when it's time to focus and used by God. You wrestle with your limitations and your personal fears because grace is not personalized into your spirit by Word and prayer.
5. We cannot stay focused on assignments and projects because of attacks of fear and uncertainties that disturb us.
6. We seek affirmation and approval from others because of attacks of unworthiness with our own efforts.
7. You're always concerned that you offended someone without operating grace in your decision-making.
8. You fear the unknown and the uncertain future because grace is not present to quiet these fears.
9. You struggle to love others close to you intimately because you cannot embrace grace for yourself to be loved.
10. You are hard on yourself so you become judgmental with others because you cannot extend grace to yourself.
11. You wrestle to take risk with your money and loving people because you cannot embrace grace for yourself.
12. You cannot practice or fully believe the Word of God because you have not applied grace to your own emotions, and self-perception.

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