



# MORE GRACE INEXPRESSIBLE JOY!

Romans 5:1-11

John 15:1-11; 1 Peter 1:1-12

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**Either/Or; Black/White; Life/Death; Heaven/Hell; Obey/Disobey**

**Trembling for One Hour** (Isaiah 66:2)

**Pressing Forward into 2022**

**Did We Prayer Colossians 1:9-11 for Each Other?**

- IT IS TIME NOW TO PRAY AND IT IS TIME NOW TO PRAY TOGETHER!
- IT IS TIME NOW to be “watchful and serious in prayers”. (1 Peter 4:7)

**We Are Being Watched Right Now?** (1 Peter 1:12; Ephesians 3:10)

- Angels “desire to look into” the Gospel – salvation for rebels that Satan and his followers did not and never will receive. (1 Peter 1:12)
  - ★ The Gospel amazes angels — does it continually amazes us?
- (Zechariah 1:10-11) Here we see God sending angels to “patrol” the earth and to report back to God. (Consider Job 1:6; 2:1-2)
- Angels rejoice when one person REPENTS! Notice that it does not say, “Believe” but “REPENTS”! (Luke 15:10)
- There are the **good** (or elect) (1 Timothy 5:21) angels and here are the **bad** angels (demons, fallen angels) (Jude 6; 2 Peter 2:4; Isaiah 14:13-14). The fallen angels are **doomed** to eternal judgment without any hope of redemption. Some of these angels are imprisoned in **Tartarus** (2 Peter 2:4); some are wandering the earth deceiving and tempting; some are fulfilling God’s purposes (1 Kings 22); some are in chains awaiting a specific time in God’s plan (Revelation 9:14).
- Duties of angels (the elect ones):
  - Praising God day and night. (Psalm 148:2; Revelation 4:8)
  - Constantly coming and going from Heaven to the Earth to do God’s will. (John 1:52)
  - **Harkening to and doing the Word of God.** (Psalm 103:20)
  - Ministering spirits to those who inherit salvation. (Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 91:11-12)

- Bringing God's messages to earth. (Luke 1:11-19; Acts 8:26; 10:3-8, 22; 27:23-24)
- Bring God's judgment to earth. (2 Sam 24:16-17; 2 Chron 32:21; Acts 12:23; Revelation 16)
- Accompany Christ when He returns (2 Thess 1:7-8; Luke 9:26)
- Battle demonic forces (Daniel 10:13; Revelation 12:7-8)
- They are involved with our praying! (Revelation 8:3-4)

## **We Are On Display!** (Ephesians 3:10)

- RIGHT NOW we are in the PRESENCE of the MOST HIGH GOD of all the Universe. We must give an account to HIM! (Hebrews 4:13)
- RIGHT NOW we are in the PRESENCE of the angels of God.
  - ★ They are CREATURES created by God just as we are!
  - ★ However, they, the **elect** ones, are SINLESS creatures OBEYING God's voice without delay or discussion.
  - ★ They observed God's JUST WRATH executed on Satan and his followers and understand that there is NO REDEMPTION for any of them!
  - ★ They observed God send His Son into a sinful world. They observed the Son make Himself of no reputation and obey the Father even to the point of death. They observed the Father crucify His Son so that sinners (rebels) like us could receive His mercy and love. These thoughts hold their attention because they **continually long** to look into them! (1 Peter 1:12) JUSTIFICATION FOR SINNERS! HOW CAN THAT BE?
  - ★ We, THE CHURCH (we's not me's), are to DISPLAY in our WORSHIP, OBEDIENCE, LIVES the "manifold wisdom of God . . . according to the eternal purpose which God accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."
    - ☆ REDEEMED, RE-CREATED, PARDONED, DISCIPLES of CHRIST.
    - ☆ ALL through His GRACE!
- Worship and Submission to God's Word (1 Corinthians 11:10)
  - ★ When the Church, with the responsibility to display the "manifold wisdom" of God to the angels comes together, angels look for submission to God's Word. Certainly, the Church would not be rebellious after receiving such a great gift as salvation from their Lord.
  - ★ Angels are not concerned with what men and women are doing in culture. They are looking for men and women who joyfully submit to the Word of God, their LORD.
  - ★ Consider what an angel might think if they witness a redeemed sinner in out right disobedience to God's Word.
- 🗨️ What do the angels that are present RIGHT NOW **observe!** They cannot see or judge your heart. What do they **observe?**

## Is Your Grace Amazing? Is It Powerful? Is It Active?

- Are you **AWED** at God's grace bestowed on you? Are we AWED?
- Is God's grace **WORKING** in you **NOW**? Are you being transformed **DAILY**? (1 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16)

## Review of Eleven Sermons on Grace (Romans 5:1-11)

- GRACE: Peace with God. (Colossians 1:20)
- GRACE: Access and standing (acceptable). (Ephesians 1:6)
- GRACE: Hope of the glory of God.
  - ★ God finished work in us is our glorification! (Hebrews 5:9; 12:2; Philip 1:6)
- GRACE: God's preserving His saints. (Psalm 37:28; 97:10; Prov 2:8)
- GRACE: To grow through tribulation. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10) Tribulation produces character, character hope. (2 Timothy 3:13; John 16:33; Acts 14:22; John 15:19-21; Philipp 1:29; 1 Thess 3:3-4; 1 Peter 4:12-19)
- GRACE: God's unconditional everlasting love. (Jeremiah 31:3)
- ★ **MUCH MORE!!!!**
- GRACE: Reconciled to GOD! (2 Corinthians 5:12-21; Colossians 1:21)

## MORE GRACE: Inexpressible Joy (Romans 5:11)

- We **rejoice IN GOD** *through* our **LORD Jesus Christ**, *through Whom* we have NOW received the RECONCILIATION to God!
- See 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 5:25-27!!

## GRACE: Fullness of Joy (John 15:1-11)

- ★ Christ's concern: Our FULL (*pleroo* - overflow) JOY!
- ★ Qualifications for this FULL JOY:
  - ① (vv. 1-5) Abiding to bear fruit - what is the fruit Christ is talking about.
    - Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, holiness, righteousness, truth, (Gal 5:22-23; Philip 1:11; Eph 5:9; Rom 6:22)
    - We bear TO GOD for the good of others! (Romans 7:4)
    - (v. 8) BY THIS My Father is glorified, if we bear MUCH FRUIT.
  - ② (vv. 7-10) Abiding in Christ's love. How do I abide in the love of Christ?
    - "IF you abide in Me **and** My words abide in you . . ."
    - "IF you keep My commandments . . ."
  - ★ (v. 11) "These things I have spoken to you, that ('in order that) **My joy** may remain in you, and that your joy may be **FULL** (*pleroo*)."
    - John 16:24; 17:13
  - ★ This is a JOY that causes us to REJOICE ALWAYS!
    - "REJOICE" - ("to express an unusually high decree of confidence in someone or something being note worth"; to be jubilant")
    - Philipians 4:4; Matthew 5:12; Acts 5:41; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:13

## **INSTEAD Many Do the OPPOSITE!** (Jeremiah 2:12-13)

- (v. 12) BE ASTONISHED . . . BE UTTERLY APPALLED . . . BE HORRIBLY AFRAID . . . says the LORD!
  - (v. 13) **MY PEOPLE** have committed two evils:
    - ① They have forsaken ME, the fountain of living waters. (Psalm 36:7-9)
    - ② They have dug themselves broken cisterns that cannot hold water.
- ★ Isaiah 55:1-2

## **This Is a INEXPRESSIBLE JOY** (1 Peter 1:1-9)

- (v. 2) This letter is to “the ELECT according to the foreknowledge of God, the FATHER . . . in sanctification of the SPIRIT **for** obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.”
- (vv. 3-6) The ELECT’s rejoicing:
  - ① God’s **abundant** mercy!
  - ② Has **begotten** us! (John 1:12-13; James 1:18; 1 John 3:1)
    - We are now the children of God. (1 John 3:1)
    - Heirs of God! (Romans 8:16-17)
  - ③ An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that does not fade away.
  - ④ RESERVED in heaven
  - ⑤ KEPT by the POWER of God.
  - ⑥ ALL THE WAY TO THE END!
- (vv. 7-9) BUT FIRST TRIALS! (Romans 5:3; 8:17; John 16:33; Acts 14:22)
  - PURPOSE for trials: to REFINE YOUR FAITH! **MEDITATE!**
  - Refined for the praise, honor, and glory of Christ.
- (vv. 8-9) The ELECT’s JOY:
  - “inexpressible” - “impossible to describe with mere words”
  - Like us, these saints never saw Christ but **loved** (obeyed) Him! (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
  - Like us, these saints never saw Christ but **believed** in Him. (Hebrews 11:13-16)
  - Their faith and joy came NOT from sight, but believing the **written** Word of God!
  - Their faith (refined by fire) was the “fuel” for their GREAT JOY!

## **Pressing Forward into 2022**

- Tremble at His Word. (Isaiah 66:2)
- Grow TOGETHER. (2 Peter 3:17-18)
- PRAY for Each Other. (Colossians 4:12)
- Display the “manifold wisdom of God” by living on “every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” (Ephesians 3:10; Luke 4:4)
- Be GOOD STEWARDS of the grace given to each of us by using it to minister to each other. (1 Peter 4:10-11)