

Wednesday's Words to Live By For October 19th – October 25th

“God’s Grace” Part 2B “Walk In Grace So You Can Grow In Grace”



This week the “Wednesday’s Words to Live By” Scripture is from **2 Cor 12:9-10**:

⁹ “But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (www.biblegateway.com – NIV).

Recap from Part 1:

What is grace? It is much, much more than God’s unmerited favor. According to seekgod.org’s web site, “Grace is an undeserved free gift, undeserved favor, and undeserved love. Only through Jesus Christ we are offered grace, a free gift. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast” (Eph 2:8). God has already given us His grace for every situation and circumstance in our lives! God through grace, has already provided everything that we will ever need to live out this life in the natural realm (Phil 4:19 – God WILL supply ALL our NEED according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus). God loved us so much that He sent His only Son to die so we could live! We must accept Jesus to activate our grace! We cannot have grace without Him!

Recap from Part 2A:

When we have received the grace of God, we must grow in it. You might say, “How do I grow in grace?” You grow in grace by transforming our minds to the truth of God’s Word. We must know God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; by knowing the Trinity, we will know what our inheritance is – what our covenant benefits are. Until our minds are transformed (Romans 12:1-2) to what Jesus HAS done, we cannot walk in God’s grace.

Once our minds are transformed, we will be able to receive and apply the Word of God, which is health to our flesh, to every circumstances and situations in our lives (Proverbs 4:22).

Now, let's begin with Part 2B of "God's Grace;" I am breaking this teaching on God's grace up into many parts so it will not be so much to digest at once – this is the last part.

It is very important for our minds to be transformed because negative thoughts can nullify God's grace; they will hinder us from walking and growing in grace. It's not that God's grace is not present to do what needs to be done in your life, it's you cannot receive because of your thinking.



For example, you go to the doctor and he/she tells you that you have an incurable disease; what would you do? Do you allow what the doctor said to override what God's Word said which is "by His stripes we are healed?" No! It may be a fact that test showed you had that disease, BUT truth (the Word of God) says, "by His stripes we are healed." That's the report you should believe!

God's healing grace has already been given through Jesus no matter what sickness, disease, infirmity, emotional illness or whatever tries to come against us; Jesus has already taken care of "IT."

To help encourage you, I want to share a personal testimony with you. In April 2011, I went to Urgent Care because I was having chest pains and shortness of breath. Although I went, I knew who were my healer; Jesus. After the test, the nurse came in and told me I had a blood clot in my lungs and the doctor wanted me to go directly to the hospital by ambulance.

I almost began to panic but the Holy Spirit gripped me and I heard myself saying, NO, I do not have a blood clot in my lungs! It came to me that if I would have had it, God would have healed me the night before when my Pastor laid hands on me. Protesting, I went to the hospital and they began to run all kind of tests on me and while I was waiting for the results or should I say, while they were waiting for the results, I knew I was healed; God spoke to me and said, "Whose report are you going to believe?" I immediately said, "I am going to believe the report of the Lord!!!" When the results came back, I had no blood clot in my lungs!!! Why? The truth of God Word overrode the fact of those tests. I heard Dr. Larry Hutton say, "Faith does not deny the truth but faith change the result." I believe that's what happened in my case; my faith in Jesus' stripes healing me change the results of the original lab test!

If the Holy Spirit would not have intervened, I would have accepted what the doctor said. This is why transforming our minds to the Word of God is soooooooo important. If I had not had faith in the Word, in what God has already done through Jesus, I would have believed what the doctor's report said. Thank God I knew, through the Holy Spirit, what He said in His Word and is saying; "By Jesus' strips we are healed!" God is true to His Word!



Romans 8:26 says that the Holy Spirit will help our infirmities (weaknesses) therefore we must always remember that we are not alone! God will do what we cannot do! We must trust God to keep His Word because He is not a man that He should lie!

Declaration:

Father, I take You at Your Word; I believe what You HAVE said! I take my faith and use it to access the grace, every spiritual blessing and spiritual gift You have already given me. I receive all of benefits provide for me through my covenant. Thank You Father, in Jesus' Mighty, Holy, and Majestic Name, Amen!! Amen!!!

May God forever bless you and keep you!!
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