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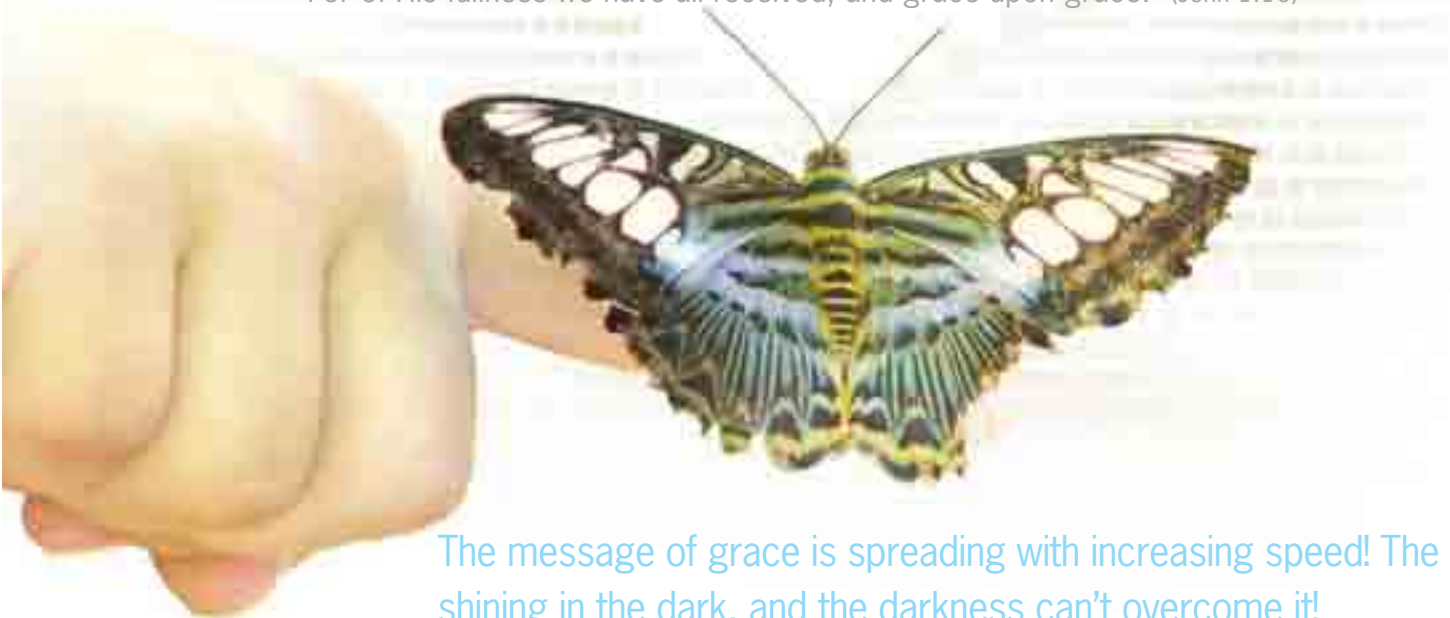
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Grace Upon Grace

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“For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.” (John 1:16)



The message of grace is spreading with increasing speed! The light is shining in the dark, and the darkness can't overcome it!

Luther emphasized “GRACE ALONE”, “faith alone” and “Christ alone”. All forms of legalistic religion fall to the ground in the light of the Gospel. Paul says: “But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the grounds of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.” (Rom. 11:6)

SAVED BY GRACE

All Christians know that salvation is by grace. “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.” (Eph. 2:8-9) Grace means “joyful surprise” and “undeserved favor”. Salvation is a gift, it is free. You don't pay for a gift! A gift may be expensive but it is the giver who has paid for it. Our salvation was so expensive that it cost Jesus His life, but for us it is free. The only thing we have to do is to receive the gift!

When you receive this gift, a miracle happens called being born again! This too happens by grace alone. “Who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” (John 1:13)

GOD'S GOSPEL OF GRACE

There is only one Gospel! I do not believe that we have preached it clearly and purely. Kenneth Hagin said that the day we do that, we are going to see a landslide of sinners getting saved. In his booklet called “Paul's revelation: The Ministry of Reconciliation”, he tells what a shock it was for him to discover 2 Cor. 5:19. Listen to this: “God has reconciled the world to Himself, not counting up or holding against men their trespasses BUT CANCELLING THEM; and committing to us the message of reconciliation – of the restoration to favor.”

The world has never heard this message before! They have heard the opposite because Christians have confronted people with their sins. *But the Gospel Revolution will enable us to preach the true Gospel to the world!*

THE NEW CREATION IS BY GRACE

The new creation is the answer to all who fear that the grace message is a license to sin. The reality is exactly the opposite! Eph. 2:8-9 describes salvation by grace without works. The next verse says: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Eph. 2:10)

Can you see it? Salvation is free and without works and the new life is the **WORK OF GOD!** The new creation is a

miracle including a new life with good works as fruit of the new birth. That's why Paul is emphasizing so strongly that it is by GRACE ALL THE WAY; FROM START TO FINISH!

Paul explains in Galatians 3 that to receive the Spirit, to see signs and wonders and healings, to experience the blessings of Abraham, EVERYTHING happens by hearing faith preached. This was the reason why he had portrayed Christ as crucified among them.

THE FULLNESS IS ONLY BY GRACE – GRACE UPON GRACE!

One translation says: "Grace after grace". Grace is standing in line! Salvation is by grace, fullness is by grace, sanctification is by grace, the new life is by grace, the gifts of the Spirit and the ministry are by grace!

The text from John 1:16 explains THE FULLNESS is "grace upon grace". The Spirit is already given, you don't have to pray that the Spirit must fall. The good news is that it has already happened! Charismatic people sing, "Let the Spirit fall". We have good news for them and for all others: The Spirit has come because Jesus is now glorified. (John 7:39) God had to wait until Jesus was glorified. That was the only condition. Once He was glorified, every hindrance was gone.

The fullness is grace upon grace! Thus it has nothing to do with you. Your prayers or your own effort will never make the Spirit fall. He has done it already! The Spirit is

sent. It is by grace, "a joyful surprise". You only receive! I am SO HAPPY that I got to see this! It ended my struggle and "chase" after God.

He has come! He has moved in! Jesus said we are not thirsty anymore, we have drunk from the living water and received a well on the inside! Still, there are many preaching about "thirsting for God", "seeking God" and "chasing after God". How joyful we can be, not having to thirst or seek anymore. We have a well of living water inside!

HOLINESS AND SANCTIFICATION IS BY GRACE

This is the most difficult theme for many honest Christians. This is where some even preach that the law has to be applied as a guide and as "traffic rules" for the Christians. But this would be an insult to the cross of Christ! The Bible explains that "our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin." (Rom. 6:6) So it is the cross of Jesus Christ that sets us free from the slavery of sin! The key is to preach Christ crucified. We are meant to live a life dead to sin and alive to God by His resurrection power. EVERYTHING IS IN CHRIST! "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law, but under grace." (Rom. 6:14) It is the MESSAGE OF GRACE that breaks the slavery of sin. The law made sin come alive, but grace sets us free.

Christ is our sanctification. (1 Cor. 1:30)
The key to success is that "Christ is formed

in us." Holiness is being crucified with Christ, "it is no longer I who lives, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME." (Gal. 2:20) CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL! Grace upon grace! Sanctification is a product of saving grace! THIS GRACE disciplines us.

SIGNS AND WONDERS HAPPEN BY GRACE

Paul continues the same pattern during the whole chapter of Galatians 3. The same way as salvation by grace and faith; signs, wonders and healings also happen as a fruit of the fulfilled work of Christ. It is by looking at Christ crucified we receive healing, for by His stripes we are healed. In the desert the people were healed looking at the serpent. This was only a shadow, an image and example of the cross of Christ. Now reality has come! If the power of God could flow by looking at the shadow of reality, how much more can we be healed by the real cross of Jesus Christ!

I have read books that make it look like WE had to pay the price for the miraculous power of God. But the Gospel explains that HE has paid the price!

MINISTRY WORK IS BY GRACE

The Gospel is "The Gospel of God's grace!" It is grace from start to finish! That's why it's grace upon grace....

Paul said: "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward 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." (1 Cor. 15:10)

It was all a result of the grace of God! It was not Paul's own effort, not his human ability, but only the grace of God. Grace from A to Z, grace all the way! The world is ready for this message, for religion has failed. Religion has been a disappointment to people and it has put a yoke on their necks, like Peter said in Acts 15. It is time to tell the Good News: The burden has been taken away, the yoke is broken!

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A LUNCH DATE *With Jesus*

What can I say to describe the amazing transformation that took place in my life, and that of my wife Jane, just over two years ago. You may already be thinking, is this another testimony of a life redeemed out of the grip of Satan, but actually, that happened over 29 years ago to which I am still so grateful. But the story I would like to share with you today is one that changed my life as supernaturally as the day I walked to the altar to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Remember the day you accepted Christ, what you felt, the tears you cried and overwhelming sense of relief and thankfulness that you didn't die in your sin before having that incredible opportunity. When I gave my life to Christ I knew that I was called to serve Him beyond the pew. I knew from an experience I had as a child that God was calling me to ministry, and yet as a teen I struggled, as an adult I struggled, and as a pastor I was best friend with intimidation and inconsistency. I preached with passion and pride only to step away from the pulpit with the same feelings of inadequacy.

Over the twenty years in full time ministry we have worked hard to accomplish great things, and to meet the invisible mark that we believed God had drawn for us. We could never find rest in our walk, because surely God will smile upon us when we complete just one more act of faith. Don't misunderstand. I believe in faith, however, I hadn't settled that it was His faith working in me and not the faith that I could somehow muster up through all night prayer meetings,

a month of fasting, or a break the stronghold over the city campaign.

But, our Jesus is so patient and loving He had an appointment set up for me at just the right time, a time He knew I was tired and at my lowest, and yet when I would receive it the most. Three weeks into April of 2006 I had lunch with Jesus, as He peered through the eyes of Pastor Peter Youngren. It was a lunch I will never forget as long as I am alive. Jesus began to tell me all about myself, my fears, my hurts, my struggles. Did Pastor Peter have a prophetic word? No. He simply began to tell of the incredible Love of Jesus, and as that Love melted away those mountains of intimidation and fear I began, for the first time, to understand what that walk down to the altar 29 years ago really meant for my life.

My wife and I were at a very low point in our lives, we had gone through some troubles with our children as they made the transitions to adulthood themselves. We watched as our three-month premature granddaughter fought for her life, and against all odds watched as a great man of faith and love, T.L. Osborn, prayed for our son and daughter in-law to count her healed, and praise God she was! Three and a half months prior to this incredible lunch date with Pastor Peter, we lost our grandson only four days before our youngest son's wedding. We were in Florida to attend the wedding. The baby's father, our middle son, was flying down with his wife to be his brother's best man, and our oldest son and his wife had the child in their care. It is amazing

that when your life seems to be collapsing we immediately think of all the things we should have done, or could have done; when in fact the reality is, life is still in the hands of the life giver Jesus. All my friends of fear and failure were there to meet me that day my grandson died, and yet Jesus had a day, one calendar day, set aside for me to meet him in a city not even my own. On that day still feeling the pain, and very aware of the loss of that little life, Jesus peered through the windows of Pastor Peter Youngren's eyes and showed me a side of Him and of life I had not yet known, one full of the abundance of grace.

One of the most amazing realities since that time is how the awareness of Jesus' presence continues to grow stronger as the abundance of His grace and the gift of His righteousness becomes a very tangible part of our lives. Life has become an experience of living with bated breath...wondering what is Jesus going to next! Yes we have the very real issues of day-to-day life, but it is almost like sitting on the edge of your seat leaning forward with expectation! I can't ever see us going back to a life of religion when there is so much freedom in Jesus Christ!

Let Jesus reveal to you through this testimony His unfailing love, and unending mercy



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Peter Youngren responds to commonly asked questions about the Global Grace Network

What is the Global Grace Network (GGN)?

GGN is a fellowship of ministers and churches that advocate the gospel of the grace of Jesus Christ; grace alone, faith alone, Jesus alone. Christ's finished work of redemption is the only provision for salvation, blessing, and ministries. Our purpose is two-fold, to help the church rediscover Jesus and to take this message to the world.

Why now?

Many ministries and believers around the world recognize that there are strong forces against the gospel today; religious mysticism, human wisdom and legalism are distracting people away from the clarity and simplicity of the gospel. GGN wants to provide teaching, interaction, and fellowship, and help the church and the world to discover what Jesus has provided for us. Our focus is not on what we don't have, but what we have in Christ. Our faith becomes effectual by acknowledging every good thing that is in us in Christ (Philemon v.7).

Is there a danger of overemphasizing grace at the expense of spiritual maturity and personal holiness?

The revelation of grace is the revelation of Jesus and there is no danger of overemphasizing Jesus. The Scripture is clear that believers reign in life by the "abundance of grace" (Romans 5:17) and that the same grace that saves us teaches us to live godly (Titus 2:12). If we want people to live holy, we must reveal the abundant grace of Jesus, because grace is what produces holiness and spiritual maturity. Those who have concerns of an overemphasis on grace often view the

grace of Jesus as just another topic of teaching. However, the revelation of grace is the revelation of Jesus Himself and true holiness is only produced through Jesus living through us.

Does my membership in a denomination or other ministerial fellowships hinder me from being apart of GGN?

Not at all! On the contrary our desire is for the gospel of the grace of Jesus Christ to permeate churches, fellowships and denominations everywhere.

What are the benefits of membership?

There are several. You will receive monthly teachings through the GGN web newsletter. When you receive your annual membership card you will also receive an updated list of churches and ministers worldwide. You will also be kept abreast on special offers and events that will be beneficial to you. In the future some information on the web will be available for members only.

What are the costs of membership?

There is no intention of building an expensive denominational structure; we are simply a network based on fellowship, so our annual fee is nominal. As a worldwide fellowship, the fee structure also relates to the economy of various countries. For example a pastor from the United States or Europe pays USD \$60 annually, while ministers from certain countries pay as little as USD \$10 annually. We are set up in such a way that the cost is based on the economic realities in each

country and equality for everyone. Please consult our website for more information.

When churches register their membership, there is a one-time fee of USD \$150. The church will receive a decorative plaque that identifies the church and ministry a part of GGN.

Can pastors or ministers register without their church being registered?

Absolutely. The church registration is only for churches that believe an official registration is beneficial. Again, GGN is based on fellowship, and all pastors and ministers, who feel they can benefit, are welcome.

What do you see for the future?

We are expecting a global Gospel revolution. The message that was preached by the apostles concerning Jesus must come back front and center. Every genuine spiritual awakening has Jesus in focus. Jesus will be the theme of the great harvest that is before us. He is the "Desire of all nations," and nations will come to Him. Satan's purpose is to take us away from the simplicity that is in Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3). These Satanic deceptions come in subtle forms under the guise of spirituality and mysticism. There is great focus on our efforts, it seems the church has become increasingly focused on what we must do rather than "What Jesus has done." GGN is for like-minded ministers and churches, who want the church and the world to discover Jesus and the fullness of His redemptive work.



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