

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"Grace and Peace"

Romans 1:7

Introduction

- "Grace" and "Peace" – Can Take on Two Very Different Meanings in Christian Circles
- Background on the Greeting – Combined from Greek and Jewish Greetings

I. Grace

A. Not Always Used in the Same Sense in Scripture

- Old Testament – "Graceful" or "Beauty" (Proverbs 22:11; 31:30); "Favor" or Good-will without any Consideration of any claim or merit (Genesis 6:8; 33:15; Exodus 33:12; 34:19)
- New Testament – From Greek Root "to Rejoice" Denoting a Pleasant external appearance (Luke 4:22; Colossians 4:6); Also has the meaning of "Favor" or "Good-will"
- "Unmerited Operation of God by the Holy Spirit in the heart of man communicating divine blessings out of the Fullness of Jesus Christ, who is "full of grace and truth" (John 1:17)

B. In the Justification of His People (Ephesians 2:1-10)

- To the Absolute Exclusion of the Person's Work or Disposition (Romans 3:20-28; 4:16; 5:2, 21; Galatians 2:16; Titus 2:11; 3:15; Acts 11:21-23; 18:27; 1 Peter 3:7; 1 Corinthians 15:10)

C. Abounds toward the Saints in Their Sanctification until the End

- To Live to God Through Christ in Service to Him, to His Glory (2 Timothy 2:1; see also 1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Corinthians 9:14; Ephesians 4:7; James 4:5-6)
- The apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
- Comes only from "God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7)

II. Peace – By Grace through Jesus Christ (Proverb 3:5)

A. Peace with God (Romans 5:1, 8-11)

B. Peace of God (Philippians 4:7; Romans 8:32-39)

- By Grace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 4:7)
- Three Steps to Learning Contentment (Philippians 4:6-9)
 - "Stop" – Being Anxious about Anything (v. 6; see also, Matthew 6:25-34)
 - "Drop" – To Your Knees in Humble Prayer (1 Peter 5:6-7; Psalm 69:1-3, 13-15ff)
 - "Roll" – Meditate (roll around in your mind) on the Word of God (Psalm 62:5-8)
 - The God of Peace will be with You (v. 9)

Conclusion/Application

- Oh, What Marvelous Grace; What Wonderful Grace that Exceeds our Sin and our Guilt
- "Grace to You and Peace from God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"