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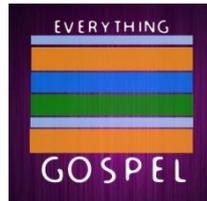
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INTRODUCTION

The message of God's grace, which is the Gospel, is widely spreading over the face of the earth. All of a sudden many people are getting to know God for who He really is. *The true knowledge of God is covering the earth just as prophet Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 11:9.*

Serving God without knowing his true personality is the reason why a lot of people suffer a shipwreck of their faith. The reason why many Christians are still struggling to walk with God is because they have not known who God really is. The ignorance of the fact that God is the God of all Grace has restricted many unnecessarily.

Hebrews 12:28 reveals that, we can serve God acceptably with reverence and honour if we acknowledge His Grace. Without Grace our service to God will be unacceptable.

The purpose of this book is to uncover God's identity as the God of all Grace. There is more to Grace than we could ever imagine. Grace is not just a topic. Grace is God and God is Grace. The *Apostle Peter mentioned this in 1 PETER 5:10 calling God* **“THE GOD OF ALL GRACE”**

It is my heartfelt prayer that as your travel through the pages of this book, the every doubt you might have had concerning the Grace of God will be starved to death. I pray that faith is birthed in your heart as the revelations embedded on the pages of this book come alive by the power of the Spirit of God.

WHAT “GRACE” ACTUALLY MEANS

Basically, the first portion of the Bible (Genesis to Malachi) was originally recorded in the Hebrew language. The second portion of the Bible (Matthew to Revelation) was originally recorded in the Greek language. In the Hebrew, Grace is “**Chen**” (*favour, grace, charm, elegance, and acceptance*). In the Greek, Grace is “**Kharis**” (*grace, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness, good will, merciful kindness, benefit*). Both of these words primarily mean **FAVOR**.

Here are a few synonyms of the WORD
FAVOR:

- 1. Goodwill**
- 2. Benefaction**
- 3. Loving Kindness**
- 4. Approval**

VIRGIN MARY

Mary was not chosen by God to bear Jesus because she was a virgin, no! Obviously she was not the only virgin sister in town. Even if she were the only virgin around, God did not choose her on that basis. *According to Luke 1:28, God chose her by Grace (favour).* The angel called her **Favoured One**. God had planned that Jesus would come through a virgin and when the time was due He gave Mary that opportunity to be the carrier of Jesus. It was not by anything she had done. The only thing special about her was that God had favoured her. That is Grace!

FAVOUR AIN'T FAIR

With these synonyms in mind, let's go a bit deeper. For Favour to be Favour, it has to be bias. For favour to be favour, something has to be overlooked! It needs to be Unfair. Favour must not be fair. Favour usually violates pure justice. Justice gives what is deserved. Favour on the other hand gives what is not deserved. For Favour to work, the rules have to be bent a bit. *Let's bear in mind that Favor is Grace.*

MY ADMISSION TO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

I applied for admission to the senior high school quite late. In fact, when I applied, admissions were over. The rules stated that no students are supposed to be admitted after admissions had closed. By the code of justice, there was no way I would be admitted, because justice plays by the rules. I needed favour from the Headmaster in order to be admitted into the school. Eventually, the headmaster was ready to bend the rules and offer me admission if my parents will grease his palm. Well, they did and I got admitted. Most of you might have had the same experience. It is clear that men can favour you but there is always a price to pay.

BUYING FAVOUR (GRACE) FROM HUMANS

In the human world, favour is not free. You have to work for it. When you want Grace (favour) from a person, there are things you will have to do. In fact, you will have to sacrifice something in order to get the rules bent for you. By all means there must be something that will cause man to favour you. It may be because of:

1. Your Family Title
2. Your Past Sacrifices.
3. Your Personality.
4. A certain Interest the person may have in you.
5. A certain positive hope the person may have in you.

6. A certain result the person presumes to get afterwards.

HIS FAVOUR IS UNMERITED

It is clear that in our human world Favour is not free- there are always strings attached. But that is not how it is in God's system of operation. This is because God already knows everything. There is nothing we can do earn anything from God. He sees the end from the beginning. God's Grace (favour) cannot be merited. That is why we call God's Grace **Unmerited Favour**. God's Grace (favour) cannot be worked for; neither can it be paid for. Man's favour is merited but God's Favour is absolutely free- no strings attached.

There is great selectiveness when it comes to our human dealings. In school, awards are given to those who deserve it. If an award ends up in the hands of a student who does not deserve it, we call it cheating. Grace is absolutely free! Every blessing there is, whether health, deliverance, provision or salvation, all come to us by grace and grace alone. To think we must work for the blessings of God is to try and buy that which is not for sale.

NO RESTRICTIONS

Someway, somehow, God is a “**cheat**” because He gives us things we don’t deserve. He always bends the rules so we can have our way. That is Grace - God’s chiefest character. That is the way God is – we cannot change Him. He is the God of all Grace. Without grace, we would not benefit from God’s Love. God is good to us because He is good and we need His Goodness to survive. He is a fountain of goodness; Grace allows Him to pour out His goodness without restrictions. If God had not been the God of Grace, He will be so much restricted in helping us.

I tell you, God is happy. He is happy the way He is. *If He were a man, I will dare say, "Grace is the best thing that ever happened to God"*

LOOKING BEYOND OUR FAULTS

Grace is God's chiefest character. With Grace, He is able to blend all His other attributes such that there is a beautiful harmony- making Himself the exact kind of God humans will need. We all admit that God is self-existent, and yes, this is how he has chosen to exist- Powerful, Just and gracious. ***Grace is that thing about God that causes Him to overlook our errors and go ahead to lavish His blessings upon us.*** Grace is God's divine pardon. It is God's divine excuse. After Adam and his wife Eve had disobeyed God, God went all the way to kill an animal, skinned it, and made a coat to cover them (**GENESIS 3:21**). Only The God of all Grace could do such a

thing. He steps beyond His own justice and tampers it with mercy. This is the God of all Grace.

SERVED WITH HUMAN HANDS

It is Grace that makes God choose us for His Work. It is not that we are sufficient by ourselves. It is not that we are so clever and well comported. Our weaknesses are bare before His eyes. In fact, none of us could qualify to work for the King of Kings if not for Grace.

Our only qualification to be numbered as co-workers with Him is Grace. Grace is our qualification. God is not man to be served by human hands yet Grace makes God create room for us to serve Him. *“Neither is (HE) worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he gives to all life, and breath, and all things” (ACTS 17:25)*

He assigns us duties in His courts. He never sleeps nor slumbers yet He allows we who sleep and slumber to serve Him and work with Him. *What happens when we go to sleep?* This is Grace. It is overwhelming. It supersedes our human reasoning. *Apostle Paul admitted in Galatians 1:15 that God separated him from His mother's womb and called him by Grace.*

Beloved, our calling is by Grace! This is what makes God exceptional among all other gods. We who are easily swayed by emotions, we who sometimes struggle to walk in Faith, We who are unstable in our feelings, We who are now training

ourselves to handle issues maturely, We who are hot today and cold tomorrow, we who have not realised the fullness of His inheritance in us, we who believe strongly today and doubt even stronger tomorrow, ***we are those God has chosen to work with. This is Grace!***

IMPERFECTION MEETS PERFECTION

God is perfect. He is so perfect that imperfection cannot stand in His presence. He is so pure that the smallest spot of impurity must dare not approach Him. He is so clean that His streets are made of gold. Under normal circumstances, a person with even the slightest sin should be consumed by the perfect Holiness of God.

Without a clear understanding of God's perfect Holiness, we may be tempted to take His Grace for granted. God is smart. At some points in scripture, He shows His perfect Holiness so people will know standard. Then at another instance He bends the rules and draws men close as

though He was not the perfectly Holy One.

In **Exodus 19:9-18** God decided to visit Israelites on Sinai. He gave them two days to sanctify themselves, wash their clothes and wash their bodies. Afterwards, He asked Moses to draw a border line between the people and the mountain. No one was allowed to go past the border line, let alone touch the mountain. If anyone dared touch it, death was the penalty. Even animals were not allowed to come close. This is how perfect and Holy God is.

Even in their “**sanctified**” state they were not permitted and qualified to come close to God. God wanted to demonstrate to them His perfect Holiness. Perhaps they were taking His fellowship with them for granted. *No wonder ISAIAH 64:6 says that even our righteousness is as filthy rag before Him.* It is because God is a God of grace that He draws us near to Himself and gives us the room to fellowship with Him. The basis upon which He accepts us is by Grace. The basis upon which He fellowships with us is by Grace. We dare not boast of anything in this regard.

CALL ME FATHER

Once upon a time a multi-millionaire adopted a child. After processing all the legal documents for the adoption, he looked into the child's eyes and said to him; "Now you can call me father".

ROMANS 8:15 says that now *we have the legal right to call God our Father*. This is so generous of God. As our father, He loves us. He cares about us. He will never give up on us, no matter what. Though we may not believe in ourselves, He believes in us and encourages us to go on. He assures us of His undivided attention and loyalty. All that God owns now belongs to us by divine rights.

When I see Christians trying to qualify for heaven I pity their ignorance. *They do not know that by divine rights, heaven belongs to them.* For God to allow us call Him father is by Grace. As God as He is and as human as we are, He gives us the privilege to call Him father. Not only that, He calls us sons according to **2 CORINTHIANS 6:18**. One with royal blood is not allowed to mingle with commoners neither are they allowed to marry outside royalty. Yet this God, in all His royalty, stoops down to mingle with us in the person of Jesus Christ. He sets the stage, does all the paper works and gets us into His divine class family. It is only because He is the God of all Grace. If

God were a man, many would say He might be out of His mind.

SUCH A GREAT SALVATION

Our salvation is the work of Grace. ***Ephesians 2:5*** says it clearly that ***we are saved by Grace and Grace alone.*** It was the God of all Grace that planned our salvation. The cross was all His idea, not ours. ***It is recorded in Galatians 4:4*** that ***when the fullness of time came, God sent his Son.*** Just as David appeared at the right time to defeat Goliath, so was Jesus manifested at the right time to defeat sin and free us from its domain.

It is not that we planned the Cross and gave Him the proposal to consider. He took the initiative all by Himself. He figured out how to clear the penalty of sin and death from the sheets. We did not pray and fast for Jesus to die. It was all done by the God of all Grace. ***Titus 2:11 states emphatically that it is the Grace of God that brings Salvation.***

Salvation did not come to us because we stopped sinning. Salvation did not come to us because of our good works. Salvation came to us by Grace. If God had to wait for us to stop sinning before He sent us salvation, we would never have been saved. Right in our sinfulness God sent His salvation to us.

We owed Him big time! Out of His Grace He paid Himself on our behalf so that we could be saved from His wrath. He took us from the domain of sin and death and strategically placed us in Christ so that the case of sin and death was eternally solved. Only the God of all Grace would do such a thing.

Jesus did not die on the cross to pay the devil. God owes the devil nothing! The death of Jesus on the cross was to satisfy the demands of His justice. *How could we have our sins forgiven? How could we become new creations?*

How could we have boldness to stand before God? How could we have had our

*names written in the Lamb's book of Life? How could we be made to sit with Christ in heavenly places? The answer is found in **2 CORINTHIANS 5:18**, and it reads, "All things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation". It is God that did the reconciliation not us!*

It would have been unwise on God's part to initiate our salvation and employ our helpless selves to maintain it. The God of all Grace is too smart for that. Not only did He pay a heavy price to bring us salvation, He went the extra mile to secure our salvation by anchoring it on Jesus' obedience rather than our character.

Our behaviour may be unstable but Jesus is stable. He is our anchor- we have an anchor that keeps the soul. The bible tells us to WORK OUT our salvation (***PHILIPAINS 2:12***), but it never tells us to WORK FOR our salvation. There is a difference between working out something and working for it. Working out our salvation has to do with making use of our salvation.

A lot of people believe that we are saved by Grace but we must maintain our salvation by some good works! That is absolutely untrue. The bible says that He is the author and **FINISHER** of our Faith (*Our Salvation*). *See HEBREWS 12:2*. We are not the authors of our salvation,

neither are we the finishers. From start to finish is God's work. *The bible says God is able to KEEP us from falling and also present us faultless before His Glory. See Jude 1:24.* When we know this, we stop struggling to keep ourselves saved and trust in the God of all Grace, who does all the work, knowing that He has accomplished the work of our salvation.

JUSTICE MET GRACE

Justice and Grace are not the two friends who married last year. Justice is another aspect of the God of all Grace. When we understand His Justice we can better appreciate His Grace. God is Just. He is so just that the one who offends and the one who got offended are both guilty. *We see His first act of justice in Genesis 3: 13 – 19. It was the serpent that deceived the woman to eat from the tree. It was the woman that compelled Adam to eat. Yet God gave each of them their fair share of judgement.*

This is how just God is. He sees beyond appearances. He is right in His judgements. God is so just that He

cannot let any sin go unpunished. His standard of justice is fair. No one can escape His justice. His Justice requires that the one who does well is rewarded and the one who does evil is punished. *His punishment for evil is Death according to **ROMANS 3:23***. Let's continue in this next section.

If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, there is no day in your life that God has or will ever judge or punish you for acting wrongly or for taking a wrong decision. He is rather available to raise you high and help you win in life. As a just God He had every right to punish us but His grace would not

permit him so he himself planned an escape for us.

Instead of letting us take the punishment that we deserved, He hid us in His love by grace so his judgement could not find us. And when our sins abounded, his judgement knocked harder to have Him give us up. Now watch this: He opened the door but instead of handing over you and I to take punishment for our wrong doings and shortcomings, God handed over His Holy and only son, Jesus Christ to face the judgement and fiery wrath that we deserved. This is Grace. Our sins did not go unpunished at all. They were fully punished in the body of Jesus Christ- that is how come we can go free!

That is how the grace of God settled the justice of God.

THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Grace did not begin at the cross neither does it end there. Actually, the cross was God's official statement of Grace. Right from Genesis we see how God acted Grace by clothing Adam and his wife after they had committed the abomination! Most people have the idea that Jesus' death on the cross is God's final act of Grace but that is not true. The cross is actually the strengthening of Grace. The entrance of Jesus is the official statement of God with regards to His Grace. The cross of Jesus is the legal endorsement of

God's Grace because by the cross God's wrath was fully satisfied.

The cross is what legalises Grace – it is on the cross that all our sins were punished. It is by the cross that our sinful nature died. It is by the cross that God builds a permanent bridge between mankind and Himself, giving us the full access to Him. It is on the cross that the demands of God's justice were fully met **(See 1 JOHN 2:2 and 1 JOHN 4:10)**. It is on the cross that sin was properly dealt with and totally overthrown. Let me put it this way: *“Jesus was the document of God's Grace. His death on the cross was the signing of the Document”*. Now,

after the cross, Grace is no longer a secret act of God. Grace is Official.

GOD'S BOUNDLESS DOMAIN.

The domain (dwelling place) of God used to be out of bounds. For about for many years after the fall of man, no one could ever enter into God's presence or talk and have fellowship with Him except the high priests ordained by God to speak to Him on behalf of himself and all the people in Israel once a year, until grace came, and made the domain of God boundless to all men to come to God. Grace is Jesus.

By the grace of God, Christ brought us together with Himself, to where God sits

in the heavenly places, far above principalities and powers, might, dominion and every name that is named upon the earth - *Ephesians 1:21*.

Glory Hallelujah! Had it not been for grace, our case would have been hopeless and our place would have been empty. But thanks be to God for grace.

DON'T TOUCH ME

Once upon a time King David was bringing the ark of God from the house of Abinadab in **2 Samuel 6:1-11**. God had instructed in **Numbers 4:2 to 15** that no one must touch the ark under any circumstance. Now, as David and His men rode in merry along the old dusty road, the oxen on which the ark was set

stumbled and the ark was making its way to the ground.

One of the guys guiding the oxen, by the name Uzzah, reached out and held the ark so it won't fall. The anger of God was kindled against Him and God struck him dead on the spot. King David got offended at how God dealt with Uzzah. Not only that, He was now afraid to take the ark home, so he sent it to the house of Obed-Edom. Interesting, isn't it?

This is how purely just God is. If God should deal with us solely on the basis of Justice, everyone would be dead by now. God found a way to satisfy the demands of His justice without destroying us.

Since the wages of sin must be death. He himself came as a man and took the punishment of death on behalf of us all. In fact, ***HEBREWS 2:9 tells us that because of His nature of Grace He tasted death for us all.*** Instead of giving us death as the wages of our sins, He gives us a gift called **Righteousness** through Faith in Jesus Christ.

Grace is that thing which causes God to satisfy the demands of His justice by Himself in order that He can treat us kindly. O, how sweet it is to know that the creator is the God of all Grace.

THE TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS

Grace is that thing about God that causes Him to give us His Holy Spirit. His Spirit is the source of our power. His Spirit is a treasure in us.

2 Corinthians 4:7 says that we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us. The Holy Spirit is a gift not a reward. If we can prophesy, understand the scriptures, heal the sick, raise the dead, sustain a godly character, build a successful life, it is all because of His Spirit.

For God to give his Spirit is another proof that He is the God of all Grace. Hardly will anyone entrust a treasure to an unstable person. As unstable as we may

be, God dares to give us the fullness of His Spirit. We do not have the Holy Spirit because of our extensive fasting and long prayers. We have the gifts of the Holy Spirit because God knew we would need them and He has given them to us by His Grace. Grace is what made God take the initiative.

God did not give the Spirit because we asked. He gave because it was necessary. Now, by Grace, we can take advantage of the Holy Spirit to achieve great things for ourselves and for God's glory. Let us not boast about the gifting of the Spirit as though we paid a price to get them. We have the gifts because of Grace.

COME TO THE PARTY

I pray that you quickly embrace the God of all Grace and find rest for your soul. He has set the table. The party is on. He will never stop sending you His invitation to come! He has made a choice to forever deal with us by Grace.

At this point I will want us to know that God does not force himself on anyone. All that He has done by His Grace, He wants us to willingly receive. He has made the offer, will we receive it? Perhaps, you have doubted the character of God's Grace.

You might have questioned the Character of God's Grace. The question still remains; ***“Would You Stand A Chance***

***If God Were to Deal with You Without
His Grace?***



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