

The Attack On Grace

The biblical term *grace* has been distorted from different fronts, which has lethally confused *salvation* itself. Since a Christian is saved and justified by grace (Eph. 2:8,9; Tit. 3:7), to change what grace is or how to get it, is an assault on how to become saved.

Unwittingly, even the utility companies mention a *grace period*, when one doesn't pay his bill on time. Along with all the religious attacks, that has also aided in the misunderstanding that grace is *unmerited favor* instead of *favor*, as the Greek word actually means.

If grace was *unmerited favor*, then everyone would get saving grace, which is surely not true for the proud and unbelieving. It takes humility to get God's grace, while the proud are opposed (1 Pet. 5:5). It also takes a faith in Jesus Christ to get in grace (Rom. 5:2), but that same faith can afterwards cease to exist (Lk. 8:13; 1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 2:18; Rom. 11:20-23). If it was not necessary to have a submissive faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation by grace, then *Universalism* would be true, which is impossible (Mt. 13:41,42; 25:46; 2 Pet. 3:9; Jude 7; etc.).

The grace changers (Jude 4) of our day are **the eternal security teachers**, who have equated their fraudulent doctrine to *grace*, and thereby automatically attempts to discount all opposing views as something else, such as a work's salvation, legalism or cult. Also, their *once in grace always in grace* belief is demolished by Gal. 5:2-4, which shows a Christian can *fall from grace* to the place where Christ is of *no value at all*, meaning he no longer has salvation.

From a totally different angle, **Catholicism attacks grace** by teaching Mary is the mediatrix and dispenser of all grace and *to Jesus through Mary*, meaning we get to Jesus by first going to Mary. In contrast, Jesus taught us to come to him *directly* (Mt. 11:28; Jn. 5:40; 7:37; etc.). The Catholic view is also disproved with the repentant thief, who bypassed Mary at the foot of the cross and successfully went to Jesus and was saved (Lk. 23:42,43).

Catholicism also teaches grace comes through their sacraments with babies gets *born again* at infant baptism. If that was true then infants, who can't repent or have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, would get saving grace, which is impossible.

The result of these ongoing attacks on grace have resulted in many being lethally deceived about salvation and the holy image of Christians being smeared. In reality, God's grace *teaches* us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age (Titus 2:12). True grace does not allow for wickedness and the gospel of grace includes a *conditional* security for the believer in Christ (1 Cor. 15:2; Col. 1:23).

The counterfeit grace has deceitfully allowed for Christian drunks, adulterers, thieves, liars, etc. with no one *living holy* and obediently, as Christians do (Lk. 8:21; Phil. 2:12; Heb. 5:9; 1 John 2:3,4; etc.). The prevalent **counterfeit grace** teachings have produced millions of counterfeit Christians. Remember, God is not holding and keeping Christians to the place where we can't turn away and die spiritually (Rom. 8:12; James 1:14,15; 5:19,20; etc.), getting back on the road to *hell* again, as has happened to many.

True salvation by grace includes humble *repentance* (turning from sin) and a submissive faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to the place of following, serving and obeying him. Salvation by grace is gained *without* Mary, water baptism and is not *unmerited favor*. We have eternal life as long as we have Jesus (1 Jn. 5:12,13), **which can change** (Mt. 10:33; Jn. 15:1-6; Rom. 11:20-23; Rev. 3:16; etc.).

Jesus taught *make every effort* to enter through the narrow door (Luke 13:24), while the spurious say make *no effort* because that is works and legalism. Obedience is not legalism. We must continue to sow to please the Spirit and not give up to reap *eternal life* (Gal. 6:8,9; Rom. 2:7) and endure hatred *to the end* for salvation's sake (Mt. 10:22; Heb. 3:14; Rev. 2:10,11). Consult the book, *The Myth of Eternal Security* for much more.

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