

13 01 24

## The ingredients to build our love for God Pt 6 Know God's grace

This is our sixth and final teaching on the necessary ingredients to build our love for God. In our previous study we covered three points- (i) Walk with God, (ii) walk by faith, and (iii) live by the faith of the Son of God who gave Himself for us.

In this study we will cover an additional three points- (1) grace came by Jesus Christ, (2) the gift by grace was by Jesus Christ, and (iii) they which receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by Christ.

To establish a little more detail on our three points we search the scriptures using the words-grace, gift and love.

### 1. Grace came by Jesus Christ

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (Jn.1: 17).

### 2) The gift by grace was by Jesus Christ

“But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many” (Rom.5: 15)

### 3) They which receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by Christ

“For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.” (Rom.5: 17)

## Illustration

The Pentecostal churches in America have 600 million followers. And that is amazing number of people. However, the Pentecostal movement was founded on the Holiness movement which believe you can lose your salvation.

When you add some Lutheran churches, Mennonite, Methodist and the holiness churches all of which believe you can lose your salvation then you have a high percentage that live hoping they will be saved, never knowing for sure until the day they die. That is so sad.

## Question

How does knowing God's grace build our love for God?

## Answer from the scriptures

\* Knowing the grace of God, as Paul knew how to abound and to be abased (Phil.4: 12)- will build our love because:

\* Knowing that as sin abounds grace abound much more- shows the depth of His love.

“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound” (Rom.5:20).

He gives us the measure of faith (Rom.12:3), which is evidence that we walk by the faith of Christ-Gal.2: 20, and not our own)- demonstrates the depth of His love to give us (by grace) what we need to achieve the goal, our hope of eternal life.

\* Knowing that we are called by His grace (Gal.1:15). Knowing that, for those who are set in the body of Christ for a specific function by God are done so according to the gift of the grace of Christ.

“Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power” (Eph.3: 7). CF 1 Cor.12:18- “But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him”.

Regardless of what God has called you to do in the body, it is not because of you! It is by His grace, that He calls anyone of us to do anything for the body!

We do not deserve His gift of eternal life, His gift of imputed righteousness, being justified by His grace. We do not deserve to be used by Him in the ministry, in the body of Christ. When that sinks into your heart- that should be a significant ingredient to build your love for the LORD! Amen!