

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Sola Gratia - Grace Alone!

Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-18

INTRODUCTION

One of the many results of the historical movement referred to as the “Reformation” was a five point summary statement of faith often identified as the “Five Solas;” they are:

Sola Scriptura; Solus Christus; Sola Gratia;
Sola Fide; Soli Deo Gloria

Grace in the Greek is charis (#5485), “especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude; - benefit, credit, favor, gift, grace (-ious), joy, grateful, thank (-fulness)” From #5463 chairo: verb to be cheer (ful), calm, happy, joyful, rejoice, to be glad

Joy in the Greek is chara (#5479) from #5463 chairo

Gift in the Greek is charisma (#5486) which is from #5483 charizomai, which is from #5485 SO!!!

1. Grace, the GIFT of God to Me:

1.1) John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:16, “For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”

1.2) John 4:10, “Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and would have given you living water.’”

Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift (#5486) of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

2. Grace, the POWER of God to Save Me:

2.1) Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Cf. Romans 1:1 - 6

2.2) Ephesians 2:8 - 9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

2.3) Romans 10:8, “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);”

Romans 10:13, “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

John 3:36, “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

3. Grace, the POWER of God to Change Me:

3.1) 2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

3.2) 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

3.3) Philippians 2:12 -13, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, (13) for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

4. Grace, the POWER of God to Fill Me With Joy:

4.1) 1 Peter 1:8 - 9, “Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy (#5479) that is inexpressible and filled with glory, (9) obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (10) Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about that grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, (11) - inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.”