

Preacher's Pen
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"The Nature Of Grace"

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.", (Ephesians 2:8-9)

On the heels of the series we completed last week entitled, "Finding The Right Church", it seems appropriate to take a look at the subject of grace.

Like many English words found in the Bible, grace is one that has gone through significant etymological changes. As a people who desire to preserve the doctrines taught by Christ and His apostles, we also desire to understand words in the way they were understood by Him who inspired the writers of the New Testament.

In order to understand grace, we must first understand why there is a need for it. In order to understand this need, we must understand its source. And, in order to understand its source, one must believe its nature.

So, the title of our study this morning is "The Nature Of Grace". What we will understand is that God has offered Grace to everyone. However, since not everyone will accept it, not everyone will receive the blessings that come from it.

The joy that comes from being a faithful obedient child of God is not something we must wait for God's final judgment to experience. Reverent does not mean sad. As Christ has paid the ransom for our sins, now let us all rejoice in Him! Let us all be forever more determined to share His Gospel. Let us all be forever more interested in the encouragement of one another. Let us all seek to introduce God's Grace to as many souls as we may have opportunity. And, let us all be ever more humble that He has done these things for us.

In Christian Love and Service,
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