

The Gift that Reigns

The Gifts of God - Week 4 (11-16-22)

Romans 5:17

Reign (Greek) = Be king, Rule, Reign over

Reign (Dictionary) = To possess or exercise sovereign power

I. Set Free

A. Romans 8:2

1. Free from the law of sin and death!

B. 2 Corin. 5:21 - We were made the righteousness of God in Christ

1. Romans 3:20-24

a) No one can be justified by the law (by our own attempts at being righteous).

C. It was the knowledge of their own sin that drove Adam and Eve away from the presence of God.

1. Therefore, the knowledge of God's grace will draw us all back to the presence of God!

a) If you are losing a battle with sin in your life then you need a greater revelation of the grace of God.

b) Grace is not an excuse to go on sinning - "God forbid" Romans 6:1-2

(1) Grace is the power by which we reign over sin.

(2) "Sin will not stop Grace from flowing, but God's Grace will stop sin."

D. Set Free by the Truth of Grace

1. John 1:16-17

a) Grace heaped on top of Grace! O.T. to N.T.

b) John 8:31-36

(1) Grace is the truth that Jesus came to give us!

II. United through righteousness

A. Romans 8:14-17

1. Children of God by His spirit because of righteousness through Jesus.

2. Reigning in life is impossible without the presence of God, and the influence of His Holy Spirit.

a) The Holy Spirit is what makes all the difference!

B. Hebrews 4:14-16

1. Because of God's Grace we have full access!

2. Christ is our representation before the Father, and fully understands our nature and struggles.

3. We can come confidently in order to receive mercy and grace.

III. Empowered

A. 2 Tim. 2:1 (Amp.)

1. We not only need grace for salvation but also for walking out the calling that God has for us.

2. D.L. - "Grace conquers your past, Empowers your present, and facilitates your future."
- B. Knowledge of God's Grace brings fruit in our lives
 1. Colossians 1:3-6 - When we come to know the truth of God's grace we are changed and empowered to bear heavenly fruit, that we could never have produced on our own!
 2. The Bible Dictionary puts it this way: "The main idea of the word [grace] is divine means of help or strength. ... Grace is an enabling power." It enables the recipient to do and to be what he or she cannot do and cannot be if left to his or her own means.
- C. Galatians 1:15 - Called by His Grace
 1. None of us are capable of our own salvation, nor of our own sanctification, and even our own calling. All of these can only be accomplished with the grace of God!
- D. Romans 12:3-6 - Gifts according to Grace
- E. 2 Corin. 9:8 - Grace for every good work
- F. 2 Corin. 12:9 - Grace for our weaknesses and challenges
 1. A messenger of satan
 - a) God's grace is sufficient = You WILL come out victorious in the end!