



Lesson #6 – “The Gift of Grace” Overwhelmed by Grace Series: Robert Morris

Lesson #6 – The Gift of Grace – Study Verses (which include verses “before and after” our required reading for better understanding and full context of what we are learning).

Acts 16:25-36 (NKJV)-The Philippian Jailer Saved

²⁵ But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s chains were loosed. ²⁷ And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.”

²⁹ Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized. ³⁴ Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Paul Refuses to Depart Secretly

³⁵ And when it was day, the magistrates sent the officers, saying, “Let those men go.” ³⁶ So the keeper of the prison reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart and go in peace.”

Titus 2:9-15 (NKJV)

⁹ Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all *things*, not answering back, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good *idility*, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

Trained by Saving Grace

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His own special people, zealous for good works*. ¹⁵ Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

Romans 11:3-8 (NKJV)

³ “LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”? ⁴ But what does the divine response say to him? “I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵ Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ⁶ **And if by grace, then *it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.***

⁷ What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. ⁸ Just as it is written: “God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, To this very day.”

Romans 3:20-28 (NKJV)

²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. **God’s Righteousness Through Faith**

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ **being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,** ²⁵ whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Boasting Excluded

²⁷ Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Romans 6:15-23 (NKJV)-From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? ¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves of righteousness for holiness.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ **For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Isaiah 40:1-5 (NKJV)-God's People Are Comforted

40 "Comfort, yes, comfort My people! "Says your God.² "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord's hand Double for all her sins."

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.⁴ Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; he crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;⁵ The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

1 John 2:20-28 (NKJV)

²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. ²¹ I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

Let Truth Abide in You

²⁴ Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ **And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.**

²⁶ These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

The Children of God

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 John 5:11-16 (NKJV)

¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ **These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.***

Confidence and Compassion in Prayer

¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does not lead* to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is sin *leading* to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ **Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?** ²⁰ **For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.**

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Video Notes by bfc

- ❖ Acts 16 – Paul and Silas in jail- (Read the complete chapter)
 - At midnight they are singing and praising God
 - The chains fell off during an earthquake
 - The jailer responsible for guarding them, runs in with a light (he was going to kill himself, thinking Paul and Silas had escaped)
 - He takes them to his house- (brought them “out”) and said, “What must I do to be saved?” Paul said: Believe and be saved- **salvation**
 - He was probably under conviction when he had previously heard Paul and Silas singing and praising God
 - He and all his household were saved
 - The jailer saw the Power of God
- ❖ Morris tells the funny illustration story about a comment Silas might have been thinking and saying: “Tell them the other stuff too” – “They have a lot of “do’s and don’ts they will have to keep; such as circumcision, laws, things that churches teach that are a part of salvation basically- legalism”.
- ❖ The point is: the bible is true, or it isn’t. Did Paul tell him the truth? Believe and be saved. It is a gift from God. Not a goal we achieve. God is not waiting to see if we are going to be good enough.
- ❖ **Grace is not cheap, but its free, but it cost Jesus everything!**
 - **There are things that accompany salvation**
 - Titus Chapter 2:11 -Grace teaches us that we are to deny the flesh and live godly; looking for Jesus who gave himself for us and redeemed us from every lawless deed, being “zealous” unto good works.
- ❖ **Grace covers us when we miss the mark.**
- ❖ Three things salvation does for us: (He had 7, but ran out of time to share)
 - God removes our sins as far as the East is from the West
 - **God chooses to “remember my sins NO MORE”**
 - My right standing with God depends on His Grace, not works. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus

❖ 1. Salvation is the gift of justification

- God's justice has set us free
- God is just when setting us free because He condemned His Son to death on the cross
- We are no longer called a "sinner", we are now "believers"
- This does not mean we will not sin
 - **If we believed we were "sentenced to hell" prior our salvation, by God's Grace we are now "sentenced to heaven"!**
 - **God forgives us of ALL of our sin**
 - Isa 40:1- Morris explains this verse (See Video segment located at 11:02 time frame , noted at the bottom of the video screen)
 - Our debt has been paid in full – justification

❖ 2. The Gift of Eternal Life

- You are going to live forever
- 1 John 2:25 – Eternal Life
- 1 John 5:13-14 – Know we have eternal life
- Morris Illustration-Gift of God=eternal life in Christ Jesus – GIFT
 - How many of us have ever received a gift?
 - Did you pay for it? Yes or No
 - Morris says he is shocked
 - We say "Pastor it was a gift"
 - **We don't pay for gifts**
 - Many believers think they have to PAY for their salvation They think we have to pay God back – NO it's a gift.
 - Its either Grace or Works
 - **Romans 11:6**

❖ 3. It's the Gift of Redemption:

- Redemption means to buy back
- Our body is temple of Holy Spirit – we don't belong to ourselves anymore – we belong to God now (if your saved)
- All of your time does not belong to you – use it wisely for Jesus
- God bought us and owns us
- When you give your life to Jesus, He becomes your Master
- **When we do sin, He loves us enough to discipline us.**

- Remember the story Morris shared in the book of Hosea; the story about the man buying the prostitute slave – he buys her twice.
- Morris shows video about a father and son. The son can't walk or talk but is very intelligent. Scientist created a computer for him to be able to communicate by moving his eyes.
- At the age of 15, this young boy he heard about a paralyzed boy and a benefit race that was taking place for him.
 - The father of this young man in the wheelchair runs, swims, walks, and boats in several events pulling and pushing his physically challenged son. See the video at 22:00 location on the video. WOW!

❖ **GRACE- We are the child in that wheelchair. The Father has been pulling, pushing, carrying, and taking complete care of us everyday since we accepted God's GRACE.**

- We are crippled in our “own strength” and the Father loves you!
- Believe in Jesus and you will be saved.

❖ <https://gatewaypeople.com/series/overwhelmed-by-grace?sermon=the-gift-of-grace>