



#### Verse 1:

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

### **Chorus:**

Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

### Verse 2:

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold Threaten the soul with infinite loss Grace that is greater, yes, Grace untold Points to the refuge, the mighty cross!

### **Chorus:**

Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

### Verse 3:

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide Whiter than snow you may be today

### **Chorus:**

Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

### Verse 4:

Marvelous, infinite, matchless Grace!
Freely bestowed on all who believe
All who are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His Grace receive?

### **Chorus:**

Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

# IN CHRIST:

# Complete In Christ

Ephesians 1:10; Phil. 3:3-6; Col. 2:9-15

- 1. Believers are made COMPLETE IN CHRIST not because of who they are and what they do but because of who Christ is and what He did for us and applied to us through the S/spirit without human hands (Col. 2:8-15).
  - a. We don't need to resort to anything else. Not human philosophy or worldly wisdom not even the Law of Moses to improve our standing before God.
  - b. We are in Christ and Christ is in us and in Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily!
    - —There is no way to improve on that!!

- c. Therefore, we are COMPLETE in Christ. As new creations in Christ, we are God's masterpiece, His workmanship, His poem (Eph. 2:10).
  - --When we try to add something to that, it is like a kid scribbling over a Van Gogh painting with crayons! He may think he is improving the painting when in reality he is just ruining it.
- 2. As God's masterpiece in Christ, He does all the work for us through Christ and His Cross:
  - a. Our circumcision is spiritual, done without human hands, whereby God cuts away everything that was against us--our old man in Adam off and crucifies it on the cross with Christ ...
  - b. Our baptism is spiritual done through an operation of God that unites us into the newness of Christ's resurrection life for us.

- 3. Both Gentiles and Jews had a problem that external circumcision in the flesh done by men couldn't solve:
  - a. The Gentile believers in Colossi (v. 13--YOU) were dead in their sins without circumcision of the flesh (Rom. 5:6-10).
  - b. And the Jews (v. 14--US) were hopelessly and powerlessly enslaved under the curses of their broken Law even with circumcision (Rom. 2:25).
  - c. They needed God to do something.
  - d. All fallen humanity—Jews and Gentiles--needed to be freed from sin and death by the work of Christ to serve God (Rom. 6). And the Jews also needed to be freed from the Law so that they could bear fruit unto God (Rom. 7).

- e. In this way, God redeemed humanity back unto Himself.
  - --Through Christ and His Cross, He spoiled the evil powers that had stolen humanity away from Him and re-claimed His human creation.
  - --And for a double blow to the powers he is going to use these 2 groups of redeemed humanity not only to re-claim the Earth from them but the Heavenly realm from them as well.
  - --Thereby spoiling all their possessions and triumphing over them (Eph. 1:20-21).

- 4. Therefore, you do not need to go to a law system because God has freely given us EVERYTHING in Christ through His Pauline Grace system.
  - a. In a law system we think we can do things through the flesh that will put God in our debt and cause Him to give blessings or status or acceptance or righteousness before God or entry into heaven, etc.
    - --This falters before it even starts because our motivation is selfish interest, and God rejects this out-of-hand! Here God gives us things based on who we are and what we do—a sure recipe for disaster.
    - --God doesn't accept anything that comes from selfish interest.

- b. In a grace system, God freely gives us every blessing by grace through faith based who Christ is and what He did for us, UP -FRONT (Eph. 1:3).
  - --This always succeeds because we are motivated by the Love of God at the Cross of Christ and empowered to serve God by serving others SELFLESSLY.
- 5. God gave the Law to Israel to show their utter sinfulness and the utter impossibility of attaining a righteous standing before Him based on the works of the Law, leading them to fall on His Grace and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness (Rom. 10:14).
  - a. Instead, Israel replaced God's Law with their human traditions that made an easy dumbed down version of it, and then deceived them into thinking they were actually keeping the Law (Mk. 7:13).

- b. Picking easy things out of the Law—eating certain foods, observing days, external circumcision, etc., making of them your own man-made law system and then boasting in how well you are keeping it is just prideful, selfish hypocrisy.
  - --Jesus repeatedly exposed this lie in His earthly ministry. They spent all day doing the little easy things of the Law like counting anise and cumin seeds while ignoring the great hard things like dispensing justice, mercy and faith (Mat. 23:23).
  - --This is how the Galatians misused the law (Gal. 5:3). This is how Paul misused the law Paul fell before He met Christ (Phil. 3:4-4-9). And this is how all man-made religious, church, denominational law systems have worked ever since.

- 6. An honest person who goes under a law system through the flesh will respond like Paul (Rom. 7:7-25).
  - a. Be struck down by Thou Shalt Not Covet (v. 7).
  - b. Be defeated, discouraged and despair (v. 11-23).
  - c. Causing them to fall on God's Grace crying out: **O wretched** man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death (Rom. 7:24).
  - d. The answer is a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom God cut off (spiritual circumcision) the body of sin, death and flesh when Christ was cut off on the Cross (Rom. 6:6; Col. 2:11) and raised us up together with Christ unto newness of life.
  - e. And that is what Phil. 3 is all about for Paul. Once Paul realized this, everything else was worthless, nay, dung.

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed

### **Chorus:**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

### **Chorus:**

And when I think, that God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died, to take away my sin!

### **Chorus:**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

### **Chorus:**