

## TEN WONDERS OF GOD'S GRACE

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Not entirely original with me**

**Introduction:** This is the Gospel age and the Church of God has come into maturity. A material altar is no longer needed for the Lord Jesus Christ is the believer's altar. Animal sacrifices are no longer needed for Jesus Christ has been sacrificed for all who believe. A priest is no longer needed for the Lord Jesus Christ is the believer's High Priest and each believer is a priest in Him. Jesus has fulfilled and forever abolished all the material ordinances of Old Testament worship for the believer now worships God in the Spirit through faith in what Jesus Christ has done. Grace is an attribute of God, it is even more for it is the sovereign, effectual operation of God bestowed freely upon hell-deserving sinners and by that grace they can be saved. Here are Ten Wonders of God's Grace.

### **I. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE IN ELECTION**

1. Election does not mean that God has shut some people out of heaven. It means that God has opened the gates of heaven and arranged that a great multitude of undeserving sinners will enter into everlasting life. (Ephesians 1:4-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)
  - God has a people whom He will save.
  - God has ordained the means by which He will save. (Hebrews 4:12; James 1:18)
  - God will bless the preaching of the Gospel with success. (Isaiah 55:11)
  - Acts 18:9-11

### **II. GOD'S GRACE FINDS SOME OF THE MOST UNWORTHY AND UNLIKELY PEOPLE**

1. Egypt, Assyria (in the Old Testament)
2. YOU and ME. (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)
3. God's grace is found among the hell-bent, hell-deserving condemned people of the world.

### **III. GOD'S GRACE TEACHES BELIEVERS TO PRAY**

1. Anyone can teach another WHAT to pray for and to SAY his/her prayers BUT only God can teach a person TO pray. Prayer is the cry of one's heart to God because of being oppressed.
  - By Sin.
  - By Satan.
  - By the Law.

### **IV. GOD'S GRACE SENDS A SAVIOR AS SOON AS A SINNER CRIES OUT TO HIM**

1. Grace appointed Jesus Christ to be a Savior. (Psalm 89:19)
2. Grace sent Jesus Christ to accomplish salvation. (Matthew 1:21)
3. Grace sends Jesus Christ to all who seek Him. (Jeremiah 29:12-14)
4. Jesus Christ is a great savior.
  - In His person.
  - In His work.

- In His efficacy - "He shall deliver them..."
- In His intercession.
- In His dominion.
- In His second coming.

#### **V. GOD'S GRACE CAUSES BELIEVERS TO SPEAK THE SAME THING**

1. No matter who is saved by God's grace, all speak the same thing.
  - Saved people speak about the merits of Jesus Christ.
  - Saved people speak about God's free grace.
  - Saved people praise God.

#### **VI. GOD'S GRACE CAUSES BELIEVERS TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO GOD**

1. The true place of worship is in the believers' hearts.

#### **VII. GOD'S GRACE INSTRUCTS BELIEVERS IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**

#### **VIII. GOD'S GRACE CAUSES THE BELIEVER'S TROUBLES TO BECOME A BLESSING**

#### **IX. GOD'S GRACE CHANGES THE BELIEVER'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS**

1. In the Lord Jesus Christ enemies are reconciled and barriers removed for God's people:
  - Love each other.
  - Forgive each other.
  - Excuse each other.
  - Defend each other.

#### **X. GOD'S GRACE MAKES BELIEVERS TO BE BLESSED AND TO BE A BLESSING**

1. God's people are a blessed people. (Ephesians 1:3; Matthew 5:1-12)
2. God's people are a blessing.
  - In God's realm, care.
  - By their deeds.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Only believers in the Lord Jesus Christ know about God's unlimited grace.
2. If not for God's grace, nobody would ever be restored to Him in fellowship.
3. God's grace enables a sinful person to be able to receive the benefits of being adopted into God's family.