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### GOD'S GREAT AND GLORIOUS GRACE

If there is a verse of Scripture that is near and dear to the hearts of all true believers it would be John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." And we know that it is this love that expresses the true nature of God. And out of that nature flows man's only hope of redemption and salvation. From this marvelous love comes God's great and glorious grace, without which man would be eternally lost in his sins. This amazing grace is, as the song says, "a grace so amazing, a grace so divine demands my soul, my life, my all." I believe this grace is even more wonderful than God's creative ability. It is more wonderful than His omnipotence, His omnipresence or His omniscience. I believe this great and glorious grace demonstrates God's greatest energy. Yes, He is love and He is light and He is life. But the wonder of His grace is beyond man's ability to comprehend. All things created, including man, were made to display God's glory. And that which displays the greatest glory of all is His great and glorious grace to sinful man. This grace is a force, a power beyond description. Someone said there is a charming sound about the word grace. And that is so. But those words fall short and are inadequate when it comes to describing God's amazing grace. As one writer put it, "To say that grace is a charming sound is like saying Niagara Falls is a charming sound."

I have stood twice before this swirling, roaring display of God's creative ability and beauty, and the words that stand out in my mind are immeasurably power. My daughter-in-law is from the town of Buffalo, New York. When you ask those who live a short distance from this marvelous wonder what word stands out in their minds it is usually the word power. This power lights their homes and drives their machinery. The falls generate unbelievable power for their everyday lives. And so it is with the great and awesome grace of God. This indescribable grace is a spiritual Niagara Falls of power and glory. Like Niagara its power cannot be resisted. It is a ceaseless flow of indescribable love and forgiveness. Yes grace may be a sweet sound as John Newton wrote years ago but more than that it is a never ending flow of life-changing, sin forgiving, blood cleansing power that flows from the very heart of God that man never deserved nor can he ever earn. It is a gift to all who will receive it by faith in the finished work of God's Son on the cross.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to his young friend Timothy, who would endure hardships as a good soldier, he told him, "...be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2Timothy 2:1). To the Thessalonians Paul wrote that God the Father who loves us gives eternal comfort and hope through His grace (2Thessalonians 2:16). Did you hear it? Eternal comfort and hope through God's great and glorious grace. Remember in the old western movies when there seemed to be no hope and then you heard the bugle in the distance from the cavalry declaring that help was on the way? So it is it is with God's amazing grace.

Maybe you received the email as I did about the young 19 year-old soldier who was critically wounded and dying in Vietnam. It was November 1965 when his unit was out numbered 8 to 1. There was such intense machine gunfire a hundred yards away that his commander had ordered the medi-vac helicopters to stop coming in. As the young soldier lay dying listening to the continuous sound of enemy gun fire, he knew there was no getting out alive. He thought of his family 12,000 miles away that he would never see again. Death was certain and very close. But then he heard the faint sound of a helicopter. And like the sound of the cavalry's bugle hope was restored. He saw an unarmed Huey helicopter, but it didn't seem real. It had no medi-vac marking. It was Ed Freeman coming to the rescue. Ed was not with medi-vac. This was not his job. But there he was descending down in the midst of heavy machine gun fire. As he landed some of the wounded were put in his chopper. And off he went. But he came back again, and he kept on coming back. Fourteen times Ed landed his Huey at the risk of his own life, rescuing 30 doomed soldiers who otherwise would have perished had it not been for the courage of one man. Ed Freeman won the Congressional Medal of Honor for his action of bravery with no thought of his own life. He died at the age of 80 in Boise, Idaho. In the midst of hearing so much about Michael Jackson's death you probably heard nothing of the passing of Edward Freeman. Shame on the American media, but what a picture of grace.

Listen to the Apostle Paul as he writes to discouraged believers. He tells them that the heart is established by grace (Hebrews 13:9). It was God's amazing grace that enabled them to stand strong in the midst of the prevailing winds of false doctrine. This grace is a mighty source of power that establishes, strengthens and encourages the hearts of those who follow the Savior.

There is another thought that I would like to share with you about this great and glorious grace of God. It comes from 2Corinthians 9:8. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things may have an abundance

for every good work.” This grace is an abundant and abounding grace. It is an always grace. It is a sufficient grace for everyone who is in the Father’s business of doing His good work. Paul owed all that he was to this abundant and abounding grace. He declares, “But by the grace of God I am what I am” (1Corinthians 15:10). What had grace done for the apostle? First and foremost Paul said he was a sinner saved by grace. It was the great Methodist preacher John Wesley who said, “But for the grace of God there go I,” observing a drunk man walking down the street. Over and over again Paul declares his appreciation for God’s glorious grace that saved a sinner like him. In Ephesians 2:7-8 he declares that God showed “the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.” Paul was never hesitant to talk about that glorious day when grace met him on the Road to Damascus. Paul was shocked by his sin but he was overwhelmed by God’s grace. Lewis Sperry Chafer said that he had taught about the grace of God for a long time. But then when he began to understand it He found it to be magnificent. John Newton said he expected to find three wonders in heaven: 1) To meet some he didn’t think would be there; 2) To meet some that he thought would be there; 3) And the greatest wonder of all to find himself there.

God gives saving grace, living grace and dying grace as each is needed in following the Savior. The riches of God’s great and glorious grace cannot be exhausted and are beyond human comprehension. Dr. James Simpson, the great English physician and scientist, was asked what his greatest discovery was. He simply replied that his greatest discovery was when he discovered that there was a Savior that could save a sinner like him. Samuel Rutherford said when he looked at his sinfulness, his salvation was the Savior’s greatest miracle. There was nothing in heaven or earth like it. Martin Luther said when a man like him comes to know the plague of his own heart, he is not only miserable but is misery itself. He is not only sinful but he was absolute sin itself. John Bunyan confessed in his book “Grace Abounding” that he was the chief of sinners. A statement with which the apostle would strongly disagree. He said that the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, and that Christ came into the world to save sinners of whom he was chief (1Timothy 1:14-15). Few have felt the shame and remorse of his sins like Paul. He had been a slave to sin. He was forever sorrowful for his sins yet forever joyful for the grace that saved him from his sins. He was proof positive of the great and glorious grace of God. He was a living example of the fact that where sin abounds, grace does much more abound. Is it any wonder that grace seems to be the apostle’s favorite word?

So in closing I say it is not God’s boundless love, as great as it may be, that saves sinful men. It is His glorious grace. In Christ Jesus we have redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of sin according to the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:5-8). It is God’s grace that gives us what we don’t deserve, and it is His mercy that does not give us what we do deserve. Peer Holm was a world famous engineer who built bridges and railway tunnels around the world. He gained wealth and fame for his engineering skills. But Holm got sick and fell on hard times. He returned with his wife and daughter to the small town where he had been born. But he had a neighbor who had a vicious dog. Holm warned his neighbor of the danger that the dog could be to other people. He was told to mind his own business. The dog was no concern to him or to others. But one day the dog attacked Holm’s little daughter and she died. The sheriff shot the dog. The people of the small town turned against the dog’s owner. The man was a farmer but no one would sell him seed for his field. Peer Holm became convicted about how the people were treating that man. So, early one morning, Peer went to his seed shed and took his last bushel of seed and sowed it in his neighbor’s field. It was obvious what had been done when the seed began to grow. Part of Peer Holm’s field remained bare while the field of his neighbor flourished. What a picture: We were once the enemy of God, but He, being rich in mercy, sowed His seeds of grace in the fields of his enemies, even though it cost Him the life of His Son Jesus.

Amy Johnson Flint said it well:

“He gives more grace when the burden grows greater.  
He sends more strength when the labors increase.  
To added affliction He adds His mercy,  
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.  
His love has no limit His grace has no measure.  
His power no bounds known unto man,  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He gives and gives and gives again.”

And in the words of a beloved hymn by William R. Newell:

“Oh, the love that drew salvation’s plan!  
Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!  
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary!  
Mercy there was great and grace was free;  
Pardon there was multiplied to me;  
There my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary!”

Thank God for His great and glorious grace.

## WHERE I'VE BEEN AND WHERE I'M GOING

**2010**

<b>January 7</b>	American Railcar Bible Class in Longview, Texas
<b>January 10</b>	Preached Both Morning Services at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>January 13</b>	Taught Wednesday Night Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>January 17</b>	Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Lindale, Texas
<b>January 20</b>	American Railcar Bible Class in Longview, Texas
<b>January 31</b>	Began Bible Study on Book of 1 Peter at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>February 3</b>	American Railcar Bible Class in Longview, Texas
<b>February 7</b>	1 Peter Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>February 14</b>	1 Peter Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>February 15-17</b>	Texas Evangelism Conference in Arlington, Texas
<b>February 21</b>	Preached Morning Service at East Mountain Baptist Church in Gilmer, Texas
<b>February 21</b>	1 Peter Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>February 24</b>	American Railcar Bible Class in Longview, Texas
<b>February 28</b>	1 Peter Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>March 3</b>	American Railcar Bible Class in Longview, Texas
<b>March 7</b>	1 Peter Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>March 10</b>	Taught Wednesday Night Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>March 14</b>	1 Peter Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>March 17</b>	American Railcar Bible Class in Longview, Texas
<b>March 21</b>	1 Peter Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>March 28</b>	1 Peter Bible Study at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, Texas
<b>March 31</b>	American Railcar Bible Class in Longview, Texas
<b>April 4-7</b>	Revival Meeting at Victory Baptist Church in Clinton, Indiana
<b>April 20–May 18</b>	12th Eastern Europe Mission Project to Slovakia, Czech Republic, Romania
<b>June 24–July 5</b>	13th Eastern Europe Mission Project to Latvia
<b>July 28</b>	Mission Presentation–NBBC, Longview, Texas
<b>July 30–31</b>	Allen Buchanek Evangelistic Association Board Meeting in Longview, Texas
<b>August</b>	Pending
<b>Sept. 16–Oct.</b>	14th Eastern Europe Mission Project to Poland
<b>November 21</b>	One Day Revival at Little Flock Baptist Church in Longview, Texas

## TO THOSE WHO HELP ME GO

As you can see by my schedule, for the first three months of this new year I have stayed busy teaching and preaching in and around Longview and at my home church of New Beginnings. We have been without a pastor for over a year now, but we are very close to finding God's man to lead our church. Dr. Roy Edgemon has done a wonderful job of leading us as our transitional pastor. He and his precious wife Anna Marie have faithfully served us and blessed us with their lives and witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. How thankful I am for my Bible Class at American Railcar Industries. These guys love the Word of God and bless my life every time I meet with them. Thank you, guys, for being so faithful to pray for me and support my ministry. I have been privileged to teach a Sunday evening Bible study on the book of First Peter. To all those in my home church that stand with me and pray for me daily, thank you.

And to all those in the various states across America who are so faithful to stand with me month after month in this work God has called me to, on behalf of those who have heard and received the spoken and Living Word, thank you. Your prayer and financial support causes my heart to rejoice, knowing that you and I have the same vision and desire to take the Gospel to the utter most parts of the earth. Last year the Lord gave me the privilege to preach and teach His wonderful words of life in seven different countries, in over 60 different places, in churches, schools, prisons, cultural halls, libraries, movie theaters, camps, conferences, revivals and small groups. We were privileged to see hundreds of lives changed and saved by the power and grace of God. We saw many of God's saints strengthened and encouraged to finish strong in the race that the Father has set before them to run. I am believing God for another fruitful year in 2010 as we go bound in the Spirit together taking the Good News of our great Savior to many who have never heard the story of His love and

grace. As I approach 48 years of serving our Lord, I see the end drawing near and the rapture of His Church soon to take place. I sense a great urgency to be found faithful to the ministry to which He has called us. We must remain strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. We must endure to the end. Our light must be brighter. Our love must be sweeter. Our unity must be deeper, and our faith must be stronger than ever before in this dark and evil world. Without you, my friends, this ministry would be little of what God wants it to be. May you have a blessed Resurrection Day and never forget that the Lord is risen. He is risen indeed.

Because He lives -We live.  
Because He gave -We give.  
Because He came -We go.

*Allen Buchanek*

Bro. Allen – Psalm 31:14-15

**CD OF THE QUARTER:**

“The Cost of Discipleship”

The \$10.00 paid for this CD will help take the gospel to one more place!

