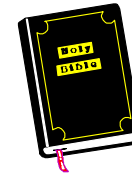


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



"every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master." Luke 6:40b

## GRACE AND OBEDIENCE

From careful observation it is apparent that many people have a mistaken view of the marvelous grace of God. People are heard to say, God's grace will save me and it will not be from any works which I do. And many times they will even start to sing that great song, Amazing Grace. It seems to be the thinking of many that since we are saved by grace there is nothing for us to do, and that our salvation is guaranteed. The end result of this thinking is that all men, everywhere, will be saved. No one will be lost, since God's grace has been extended to all mankind.

But this teaching is not found in the scriptures. It comes from the wisdom of men. It is true that the grace of God hath appeared to all men, but let us not stop just there. The remaining part of that verse tells us there is something that we must do. **"Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and, godly in this present world... looking unto Jesus, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works"** (Titus 2:11-14).

As can be seen, a person zealous of good works who denies ungodliness and worldly lusts and lives soberly, righteously and godly is very busy doing things of a positive nature. He is doing works that he may enjoy the grace which has been extended to all men. This grace includes the forgiveness of our sins, as well as the hope of eternal life.

Another passage which is so often cited has a definite meaning here. **"By grace are ye saved through faith..."** (Eph. 2:8). We fully understand that **"faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God"** (Rom. 10:17). The word of God tells us about the many people who obtained favor (grace), pleasing God and doing the things he required (Heb. 11). This same word tells us things which we must do to appropriate the grace of God. It is not the works of the old law of Moses which Jesus fulfilled at the cross. It is obedience to the words of Jesus such as, repent or perish, confess my name before men, believe and be baptized for the remission of sins. When we hear God's word, believe it and obey it, we too can be saved by the grace of God through our working faith.

- Alton W. Fonville, St. Paul, Arkansas

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 57  
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Sun 6 PM Assembly: 60  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 61  
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GUARDING THE HEART  
PM: Jerry Manning  
THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD

**"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto the measure of the stature of fullness of Christ" - Ephesians 4:13**

*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*  
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### “PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Judy Walker** has had severe back pain, but is faithful in attendance.
- **Margaret Herring** isn't well and requests the prayers of the church.
- **Carolyn Lee** requests prayers as she is to have back surgery 2/27, spend a night in the hospital in Florence, then stay with her daughter in Durham NC for a spell.
- **Anna Porter** is visiting family in Arizona for several weeks.
- **Brian Parks** requests prayers for **Mr. Tucker** and family who have had a loss.
- **Margie and Ron Banks** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week.
- Remember our brother **Darius Silbawa** who has not been with us.
- Remember all these and brother **Manning** and those he studies the Bible with, in your prayers.

**"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." - 1 Peter 5:10**

### “WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- We regret to announce the passing of **Gary Mathis**, son of **Betty Mathis**, after a long illness. Service was at Caughman Harmon funeral home in Lexington and was well attended by members of the congregation. Remember Betty in her trying times, in your prayers.

**"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"**  
- Ecclesiastes 3:1

### “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday** luncheon today! **All** are invited to stay after the assembly.
- **Ladies and men** of the congregation will have meetings at 1:30 pm. **All** are encouraged to attend these too!
- **Visual Aids** help needed for VBS, see brother Manning.
- **Bible Bowl**, Saturday Feb 28 at the St. Andrews Road church of Christ.
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday March 14, 2009., sponsored by the Charlotte Avenue church, meeting at the Goldsboro church of Christ in Fort Mill.
- **Gospel Meeting** St. Andrews Road church with **Melvin Sapp** 3/22-3/24.
- **Homecoming**, 20th year, **Twin City church**, 4/26 with **Mike Hinrichs** preaching.

**"I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." - Romans 12:1**

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## **The Gospel's Power To Save**

There must be some connection made between power and the thing to be moved. There is great power in a locomotive, but it cannot move the train of cars till proper connection is made with power.

There is sufficient power in the gospel to move every sinner out of sin into the blessings of salvation, but that power moves no one until proper connections are made. Preaching is the means of establishing that connection. It is God's way of bringing the sinner under the influence of his saving power. For that reason, Paul was not ashamed to preach it. (Rom. 1:16).

The gospel exerts no power over the heathen who has never heard it, nor over the infidel who will not hear it, and it exerts but little power over him who looks for the power to come some other way. It exerts a power over us for good to the extent that we place ourselves under the influence of its teaching. The cyclone has no power over the man who is safely hidden away in his storm cellar, but it would be foolish for him to come out after the storm and confidently affirm that there was no power in the cyclone, but no more foolish than for a man who will not heed God's word to affirm that there is no converting power in it.

**- R. L. (Robertson Lafayette) Whiteside, 1869-1951 Gospel Preacher**

**“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;” - Romans 1:16-18**

### “... PEOPLE, ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS.” - Titus 2:14

**WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 3/1—D 3/8—A 3/15—B 3/22—C**

**All members in the congregation are assigned to a Work Team**

**Check your Work Team assignment—your participation is vital!**

**Don't “ hold the truth in unrighteousness” -**

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