

GRACE ... IT'S NOT PASSIVE!

John 5:6

When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in the condition, He said to him,

“Do you wish to get well”

John 5:8

Jesus said to him, ***“Arise, take up your pallet and walk”***

And immediately the man became well and took up his pallet and began to walk.

Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

GET BACK ON YOUR MAT!

John 5:1

10: *therefore the Jews were saying to him*

who was cured

“It is not permissible for you to carry your pallet!”

2 Corinthians 5:21

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”

Hebrews 10:14. “for by one offering He has perfected for ALL TIME, those who are sanctified”

11: *But he answered them, “He who made me well was the One who said to me,*

TAKE UP YOUR PALLET (bed) AND WALK!”

15: *The man went away and told the Jews that it **was Jesus who had made him well.***

*And for **this reason** **the Jews were persecuting Jesus,**
because He was doing these things **on the Sabbath**".*

WHEN THE GRACE OF GOD TOUCHES YOU,

IT CHANGES YOUR STORY !

GRACE USED 129 times in NEW TESTAMENT

GRACE WAS NOT ORIGINALLY A CHRISTIAN TERM.

Every word in New Testament came from a **secular source**,
often from a pagan source.

GRACE – CHARIS – A PAGAN WORD

Pagans – a touch of the gods.

When a god/gods touched you, he gave you favour.

When grace touched you gave you powers that you didn't have before.

GRACE was never invisible, never silent

– always spills over in some kind of a visible manifestation.

The grace of God is not a dead, *theological concept*.

More than *just* knowledge of His grace; He wants us to be **partakers** of His grace.

The grace of God is not a passive attitude that God has toward us

*“according to the riches of His grace which He has made to **abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence**”* Ephesians 1:7-8

*“and God is able to make all grace **ABOUND** to you, that always **having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.**”* 2 Corinthians 9:8

ABOUND Greek – a river that is overflowing

Once in lack now all sufficiency

GRACE ENABLED THEM

Acts 4:33

And with great power the Apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all”

Barnabas – Acts 11:22,23

“A large number believed and the news about it reached Jerusalem so they sent Barnabas to Antioch ... then when he had come and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced”

Paul - 1 Corinthians 15:10 ***“I am what I am, by the grace of God, I laboured more than any of you, yet not I but the grace of God”***

2 Corinthians 12:12

“the signs of a true apostle were performed among you, with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles”

Acts 18:1-18 no mention

1 Cor 2:4-5

***“and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power,
That your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God”***

God – followed it with signs and wonders.

Ephesians 3:7

“of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given to me according to the working of His power”

Galatians 2:21. *“I do not nullify (frustrate) the grace of God”.*

IF YOU DON'T EMBRACE IT

2 Corinthians 6:1 *“and working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain”.*

(KENOS – empty, wasted, futile)

Galatians 5:4 *“you have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”*

Not lost salvation but grace was of no effect.

Hebrews 12:15 *“see to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled”*

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