

Grace At Work

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[0 : 00] Welcome. Thank you for choosing to listen to another word-filled message by David Entry. Preaching is the means by which God manifests His Word and nourishes our spirits.

May the life of God enter into you and you as you listen to this message. Be blessed. If there's anything you need for the journey of life is grace. Because in the absence of grace, you get this grace.

If there's anything you need and need more in this season is grace. Grace. Everybody say grace. How are things with you? How are things with you? I hope somebody has written it somewhere. If you haven't written it, you have to print it out somewhere. I mean, put it somewhere you can see it. Not this one. That phrase. And make sure you have the reference.

[1 : 01] 2 Corinthians 9, verse 8. Don't be just typing what you say. Let the scripture talk. So, take raw scripture.

Raw scripture. Type it out. And paste it or post it somewhere. All grace is abounding towards me. You can post it on your door.

So, just before you go out. If quotes are not hanging on your door, then put it. So, write it somewhere and put it somewhere.

But grace. I believe that this year, many people here, if not all of us, will experience, will have a first-hand taste of abandoned grace.

Shout abandoned grace three times. Abandon grace! Abandon grace! Abandon grace! So, shall it be for you.

[2 : 00] How do you provoke, attract, engage, bring down grace into your life?

There are two types of grace. We have... Let me mention it theologically so it will sound very powerful.

We have salvific grace. So, when we say something is... When we say something is salvific, we are talking about it has to do...

It has to do... It has to do with salvation. So, salvific faith. What's that?

The faith that brings us salvation. By grace are you saved through faith. So, salvific... There is a salvific preaching God is giving to us.

[3 : 05] Amen. Preaching that and now. Normally, when the word is used, when the word salvific is used, it's pointing more to your eternal salvation.

Not like saved by the bell. Not like saved from falling or saved from financial crisis. No, no, no, no. Not saved in general.

It's talking about eternal salvation. You have been saved. So, in Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8, it says that by grace are you saved. How are we saved?

By grace. How are you saved? By grace. So, if you are really saved, that means that it is a function of grace. Grace is what makes...

No one can be saved outside of grace. You cannot be saved outside of grace. Because the Bible clearly says that how are we saved? Saved by grace.

[4 : 03] I'm not talking about grace. The sister grace saved us. Usually, when the word grace is used, it can mean so many things.

Say grace. Before you eat, they say... Say grace. You know, or somebody's called grace. Actually, there's a place called grace.

So, there are quite different meanings of grace. But when we talk about grace in this sense, it's actually God at work. God at work.

And now, there is salvific grace or simple saving grace. Saving grace. What does that do? If you are here and you are born again, the Bible clearly makes us to understand that it is...

Shall we all read? I like it when we read the Bible together. Shall we all read it together? Let's go. For by grace are you saved through faith. Okay. How are you saved? By grace. Let's read it again. [5 : 02] For by grace are you saved through faith. Read it for the last time. For by grace are you saved through faith. So, by grace are you saved. How are you saved? In Titus chapter 2 verse 11, it puts it this way.

The grace of God that brings salvation. Okay. So, the grace of God that bringeth, you see, this salvation grace. A salvific grace. Saving grace.

There is a particular grace. It brings salvation. You cannot be saved without it. You cannot be saved without it. So, it's called salvific grace. So, that's one type of grace.

The other type of grace is functioning grace. Functioning grace. After you are born again, whatever achievement, whatever unique thing you are able to do, it's a function of grace.

It's a product of grace. Grace came on you for you to be able to do that. So, in 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 10, it said, I am what I am. Let's all read it.

[6 : 08] Let's go. One more time. One more time. Leave it really out louder. For by the grace of God, I am what I am.

I don't know what you want to be. I don't know. Maybe you want to be a wonderful wife. A wonderful husband. A wonderful mother.

Yes. You don't say amen. Let it pass you. Amen. Because don't forget, the puppet is the lifeline of the church. And as I stand here, things I say, even if it's by mistake, by your faith connects it.

I'm a prophet. You are catching something. So, the grace, the grace to be a great business owner. The grace to be a minister.

The grace, there's grace. And that's why I said, God is able to make all grace abound to us. So then, it is always necessary to desire grace for something.

[7 : 18] So, Paul said, I am what I am by the grace of God. I am what I am by the grace of God. Now, when you look at the text before that, he was talking in comparison with the others.

for I am the least of the apostles. For I am the least of the apostles that I'm not meant to be called an apostle.

Why? Because I persecuted the church of God. That's why. He said, I don't qualify to be called an apostle. In fact, when you read the verse, verse 7, it talks about when Jesus resurrected, he appeared to this one, he appeared to this one.

And then he said, finally appeared to me also as one who was born at the wrong time. Can you imagine? So, verse 7, verse 7, he was seen. After that, he was seen by James.

Then, by all the apostles. This is talking about when Jesus died and resurrected. He was seen by James and he was seen by all the apostles. But now, look at this.

[8 : 24] At last, sorry, and last of all, he was seen by me also as of one born out of due time. It's like, when he was appearing to the apostles, where was I?

I was, he's a serious apostle. But the time, he says, was appearing to the apostles. You know, that's why when people call themselves apostles nowadays, like the way I tell you I'm a prophet, I'm not a prophet in the range of Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah.

No, no, no, no, no, no. I'm even better than them in a certain sense. Because I preach. I preach Christ and Christ is in me.

They didn't have Christ inside them. That's why. But they, they were mouthpieces of God. They were very unique people. And some of them, when they spoke, they spoke scripture.

They are speaking with scripture. None of us have that kind of range. We can't come anywhere near that. In the same way, the apostles in the Bible, after Jesus died, the apostles, those 12 apostles, one went, Judas went, they had to replace him by Matthias.

[9 : 35] And so, there were 12. And then, there were one or two other apostles, an apostolic team. Those people were unique. They were different from when someone, nowadays they say, I'm an apostle.

Don't, you don't know. It's not in that old, dark ground. When they said, they continue in the apostles' doctrine. They're talking about not this one. In Ephesians chapter 2, verse 20, it talks about the church is being built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets.

What, this is, everything the apostles have to tell us is this, is here. Built on the foundation of the apostles. Not a modern day pastor who is calling himself apostle.

Or a modern day pastor who is calling himself prophet. All those things, it's okay. But it's not in that range. Did you understand what I'm saying? No, it's not, it's not, it's not.

Am I not a senior pastor? Am I not a general of us here? Yes. Can I compare myself to Daddy Gio? No. Oh, please. Daddy Gio is not, I'm not in that range.

[10:42] Not at all. No, not at all. Senior pastor, so now, now maybe, let's say if I'm a, let's say I'm a bishop, I now have the title of a bishop. I can compare myself to Bishop Oedipo.

No, that's not the same. No, that's not the same. You see, so titles might be similar, sound the same and everything, but when you talk about actual rank in life, no, it's not the same.

No, Togolese army general cannot be compared to American army general. So, there, there, there is functioning, so he says that, I finally, when he was appearing to the actual proper apostles, okay, those who have the authority to write scripture and speak scripture, that's what I mean by the apostles.

So, in fact, in certain denominations, if you say, they tell you there are no more apostles, there are no more prophets, I don't fully agree with them. But, when they say, there are no more apostles like Peter, those who walk with Jesus, that one, hundred, thousand percent, I agree with them.

So, the, the, he says that, so those kind of apostles, Jesus, who is an apostle those days? You have to have walked with Jesus and have seen him.

[12:06] So, in Acts chapter one, when they were choosing a replacement for Judas, they acted, the criteria, verse 20, they said, we need to, we need someone who must have been with us all the time.

He said, wherefore, of these men who have accompanied, who have, who have accompanied with us all the time that Jesus was, went out, went in and out amongst us.

So, when Jesus was walking, there are a lot of people that are still around. But you only hear about the 12. But there were others. But these ones were specially chosen for a special function.

So, when Judas went, 12 days, 12, 12 hours in a day, 12 hours in a night, right? 12 months in a year. There is something about the number 12.

12 tribes of Israel. There is something about 12. So, Jesus chose 12 disciples. When Judas left, they had to choose a replacement.

[13:09] But the qualifying factor was that the person must have been with them all this time. And have been there when Jesus was there. So, you are not qualified to be called an apostle when you haven't seen Jesus and been around him.

So, they said, let's choose somebody. That is why Paul said, me too. Why am I called apostle? Why am I called? Because I wasn't there. But he, his apostolic audacity was at par at the ranking of Peter.

Paul was a serious guy. But when Jesus was there, he wasn't with them. Not that he was dead. He was alive. But it was like the way we are having church. People are somewhere. Two years later, they will be born again and they will be in church.

And some of them will end up being preachers. Yes. So, he said, finally, I was, he was, last of all, he was seen also of me as one born out of due season.

Due time. I wasn't born at the right time. When the people who were working with him were there, where was I? But he went, because of me, he had to come back from heaven and slap me on a horse.

[14:20] And then I became born again. But, so then he says that, look at it, for I am the least of all the, because I persecuted the church, so it's like me, when the church was being built, I was persecuting the church.

Now I'm also an apostle. But then he said, but by the grace of God. Listen, you were a fornicator. You, you don't maybe have qualifications.

You don't have some degrees. Without degrees, it looks like your life has been degreed. Degrees that will make things smoothly run.

But, don't make the mistake and think that what somebody has naturally will give them an advantage in life. Sometimes people will have all these things and still it will not give them an advantage.

Let me put it this way. Let's say he doesn't have degree. He has degree. He has PhD. He has masters. You know what I mean? These are big degree holders. And yet, they can all be running a business and if this man gets grace, I am what I am not by the degree of man.

[15 : 34] I am what I am by the grace of God. Shout hallelujah. That is why marriages might not work in your family.

but when you come under grace. When you come under grace, what you didn't have in your background?

Grace. He said for I am what I am by the... This is the grace that makes people. I see you catching that grace. I see you catching that grace.

Shout amen. Please be seated. When it comes to what you have to be in life, there are things you need to have in order to become.

You are a medical doctor. How did you become a medical doctor? Studying the degree for medicine. So you actually went to medical school?

[16 : 43] Yes, please. So can someone become a medical doctor without going to medical? Maybe he is a herbalist. Maybe he is a herbalist.

Maybe an OBI doctor. You can't wish a medical degree into your life. There are things you must do in order to attain that.

There are things you have to do in order to become. Some of you have friends who are living with people who they confuse it to look like a husband and wife.

No, it's not a husband. It can't be the difference between a husband and a wife is massive. But just that the basic one is legalization.

You are having sex with someone you are not legalized to have sex with. I say, yeah, girl, you are cool.

[17 : 53] Girl, you are cool. You don't. So, there are things you have to do in other words.

For you to be called a pharmacist, you must have done some stuff. There must have been something behind you. Now, Paul said, there are things that I need to achieve and something I have to become in life, but it is a function of grace.

grace. So, he said, but because of my past, I couldn't be in this level, but grace came to me.

That is why I am very confused. I know of a bishop friend. He has, he used to preach here. He cannot be here for a very long time. He comes from a single family, a single parent family. He was raised by a single parent.

His wife was raised by a single parent, a divorced, a broken home. And yet, their marriage is super. They've been married for many years. Their children are all doing well, stable.

[19 : 01] They've been married. They don't have a problem. So, the fact that you come from a broken home doesn't mean your house will break. Did you understand? Your home will not break because of your broken.

But, the truth is, you are not very different from where you are coming from. An apple does not fall far from the tree.

So, because of your background, because of the fact that you persecuted the church and you are the least of the apostles, you need something to qualify you to be in another level.

But, by the grace of God, I am what I am. So, then, a grace is a qualifying factor in a person's life. There are many people here, your children will never test what it means for your parents to not be together, for their parents to not be together. Maybe you knew that.

[20 : 08] And, your family friends, your cousins, and your siblings, who will not look for grace, the faith of your mother, the faith of your father, the faith of your aunties will visit them easily.

Because, that is where you are coming from and you are just like, it is meant to happen. But, when you contact grace, you see how important grace is?

Grace is a decorator of destiny. grace is a grace. You can't be someone who is enjoying grace and people feel sorry for you. From this season, from this season, from this season, from this season, somebody is enjoying grace.

grace. I see somebody moving from grace, to grace, to grace, to grace, to grace, to grace, in the name of Jesus.

So, we have salvific grace and functioning grace. He said, I am what I am by the grace of God. That means the grace is a maker. God can give you grace to make you.

[21 : 29] No wonder he said, you are partakers of my grace. Philippians chapter 1 verse 7 said, you are all partakers.

The thing that is making me me, you are partakers. You are all partakers.

So, grace is a maker. When people mock you, grace will make you. So, they will be mocking.

They are wondering, why are you always going there and shouting, yeah, yeah, amen, amen, amen, amen. Let them keep asking. Let them keep watching. Let them keep mocking and just give you time.

Grace, you are contacting grace. You are contacting grace. And you will never be disgraced in life. You will never be subjected to disgrace. You will never be subjected to disgrace.

[22 : 25] In the name of Jesus, shout amen. Please sit down. So, if grace is a maker, pastor, who would not like grace?

Everybody likes grace. What should I do besides the saving grace? The saving grace, you don't do anything. God brings it to you.

Why are you in church? Because grace found you. Grace found you. That's why you are in church. That's why you are born again. The difference between you and the one, because you are two friends, both of you used to mess up the same way.

How come you are so deep in church now and the other one is still in the club? It's not because you are wise, not because you are smart, it's because grace is a distinguishing factor. That is why you never have to boast when it comes to your stand in God.

That's why we always have to give praise and we have to be in praise and worship because you always have to say this is God. It's in the Bible. It said by grace are you saved through faith, efficient to aid and not by yourself.

[23 : 44] Watch this. It's the gift of God. Why? Look at the next verse. not of works. Why? Less somebody can boast. No one can boast that I did anything to qualify.

How can you boast that I knew what I did to be born British? Really? Can you boast about your birth condition that you knew what you did to be born into that family?

You knew what you did to be born here? here? No, no, you can't. You don't. You knew what you did to be born a man or born a woman. I know what to do.

You don't. You don't. So in the same way, it says that no man should boast, lest any man should boast. Look at the next verse. Yeah. Okay.

For we are the workmanship. So we have been born again by grace. That's having grace. So you can't do anything about it. It comes to find you.

[24 : 45] But after you have been born again, after you have been born again, now you need functioning grace. Everybody, you need functioning grace.

And you've been given a measure of faith when you are born again. Everybody has a measure of faith upon which you can develop and for grace to grow. So number one, what do I do to provoke, to engage, and to attract, to pull down functioning grace so I don't end up saying all grace is abounding towards me and still nothing is showing.

Number one. I like that. I like number one. I can't even say it without holding my Bible. You know, I like my Bible.

Number one. I think I should give you the scriptural reference first. In Acts chapter 20, verse 32.

Yeah, yeah. Yeah. He said, let's go. King James. King James. So he said, I commend you to God and to what?

[26 : 16] The word of his grace. Ah. God. So the word is a word that brings, if you expose yourself more to the word, you are exposing yourself to grace.

Pastor, yesterday I was sharing with you guys after in the evening, after service, we were sitting down and having fellowship and I was saying how the word has made, has become a major game changer in my life.

The word. Because I was sharing with them how of late I have been super busy. The more responsibilities you have, the more busy you become.

And there are times I lock myself in a room, especially when I go to Hajjman and those days. But there are even times I just go downstairs steady. I like steady and it's nice.

And sometimes I study my Bible more than other things. I can study the Bible for hours. I love it. It's actually a hobby. So when you are struggling, it means it's a hobby for me.

[27 : 27] So please don't make yourself feel that bad. It's my hobby. But you can also believe God for that grace. For that love. A lot, many, many, many, many, many, many, many, many, many, many, pastors, pastors, that's French, pastors, right?

Many, pastors, cannot quote scriptures the way I do. Not because they are bad. But the ability to remember scripture and quote scripture is a particular grace.

That he told her all his heart and said to her, there has not come a razor upon my head. For I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb.

If I be shaved, then my strength will go from me and I shall become weak and be like any other man. And Delilah said, ah, now I know his secret.

So, she used female power. Yeah. So, it is, it's important to understand that something new, his uniqueness was something of God that was upon him.

[34 : 47] And he told the lady the secret. Now the lady's plan was, I need to get rid of this thing. So he said, let me now use my female powers. He came and then he saw fair ties.

And then he put his head on the ties. Not the breast, the ties, the ties are low. And she made him, can you imagine?

A man who was killing many soldiers. She made him sleep upon her knees. Hey! Yeah. I don't think your case is worse than the one who was persecuting the church.

Being chosen to be a chief apostle. Now think about it. He could have been chosen to be maybe a Pharisee.

He could have been chosen to be a scribe. He could have been chosen to be even a lawyer or a governor who would even defend or say something. No.

[35 : 58] He was chosen to be the one who wrote half of the New Testament. That doesn't seem right. Think about it. If someone is going to be a prime minister, he shouldn't be a serial killer who have just been brought out of prison.

And now he's trying to join a political party and they're going, no. If someone know, and so some people must of necessity be disqualified from certain places.

How can you choose someone according to 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 7 and 8? Someone who was destroying the church. I mean, hey, it says that I persecuted the church to be chosen.

It could have been chosen to be a church member. Fine. Even a deacon is quite a lot. It's a high position to be such a person. They should make the person always be at the back cleaning the place.

clean it till he dies. Yeah. Where is Bartholomeo? Where is Thomas? Where is Philip?

[37 : 14] Look, Stephen shouldn't have died. He killed Stephen. Where are all these guys? The one he ranked equal to was Peter and James.

And he had more influence than even James. he had deeper things he had to be rebuking Peter and teaching Peter. And he said don't be confused about this.

This is what grace can do. I am what I am not qualified. I am disqualified by grace. By grace. By grace. By grace.

By grace. I am what I am by the grace. can I advise you? Can I advise you?

Take your eyes off your mess. You can't do anything about it. And pursue grace. Pursue grace.

[38 : 11] Forgive yourself. Some people will not forgive you. You can't change their minds. But God is plentiful in mercy. In fact, he's called the God of all grace.

the God of all grace. I be a master grace provoker. Brothers and sisters, when I'm driving, the Bible is playing.

When I'm sleeping, the Bible is playing. Unless I forget. When I'm preparing, I go to the wash room, bathroom, preparing, something must be playing.

For many years, I decided that that is the direction I want to go. I didn't know that I was actually exposing myself to grace. Listen, I'm standing here, not because I'm more intelligent.

Sometimes I say things, some of you will be wondering, this guy is not smart. Isn't he? I say things that look like I'm not quite smart. I'm telling you, not I have got grace.

[39 : 27] I have got grace. He said, I am what I am by the grace of God. And I'm telling you that grace can be provoked. It's the word of grace. The more you expose yourself to God's word.

Don't do it as a religion. No, no, no. Look for God. Just read your Bible. Whatever you don't understand, just keep reading. Listen to messages. What messages don't point you to scripture, they are wasting your opportunities of grace.

So the next time you take this scripture and you are reading something, you come across Paul and Paul making some statement, it will mean different to you. Because references have been made from the puppet to Paul.

Please, grace does not come from man. Grace comes from above. And you can always look up to God.

Sometimes when you are looking down, the reason I'm standing up on a platform is because if I stand down, most of you won't see me. Because there are people in front of you who are way taller. [40 : 44] Some who are not even taller. They are hairstyled alone. But when something is up, if I be lifted up, so when something is up, why must it be up?

So that we can see. The reason why God is above is so that it's easier to look up to God. God has made it possible that you can easily tend to him.

You didn't hear what I said. He has made it possible and easier for anybody to tend to God. Where you are supposed to go.

Listen, what you feel in your heart as to where you must be in life and when you look at where you are, I think be smart enough to start pursuing grace.

So that people who come close to you will learn one thing. By grace. By grace will become like a slogan. Children will learn it because this man is always saying by grace, by grace, by grace, by grace, by grace, by grace.

[41 : 51] If you don't learn to live by grace, you will end up being in the grass. Grace. Someone say grace. So today, I want to leave us with this.

One of the ways to catch grace is to expose yourself to the teaching of God's way. Now, I cannot be talking about catching grace and just come and be laying hands on people because nothing brings grace faster like the word of grace.

He said, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace. The word of this grace is able to build you up. So maybe you didn't think you could be a good husband wait till you catch this word.

It will build you up. something could kill the people because he was being built up by something else. They cut his hair, his power went, they arrested him, took out his eyes and threw him in prison. They threw him in prison and his power was gone because what was the point of reference for the entry of that grace in his life has been disconnected.

[43 : 10] But God being so good, Bible says, and Samson's hair began to grow again. How be it the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaving.

You can always go back to access grace. There are people who fall from grace. When you fall, don't stay on the ground.

Get up again. We all make mistakes. Lockdown, look at what happened to you. You practically spend the entirety of lockdown in somebody's house. You block everybody.

You block church people on your Instagram. Block church people on your Facebook. Block church people on the other Snapchat. You block people. You block people.

you were like a different person we knew. Different person by courtesy of lockdown. Now you are showing up by trying to find your way back.

[44 : 21] It's not nobody's business. This is your father's house. grace. But what you should do is even if you are falling from grace, lift up and start running towards grace.

Rise up, lift up your eyes and begin, lift up your eyes to the Lord and begin to pursue grace. Munch the word, feed the word, feed the word. Let the word keep coming in.

Let the word keep coming in. Let the word keep coming in. The more the word is coming, grace is coming. I see somebody catching this. I see somebody catching this.

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