## **Grace Is Been Brought To You By Revelation of Jesus Christ**

I Peter 1:13, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Sovereign grace is from a sovereign One. Sovereign grace from a sovereign One. Sovereign, what can it do? Sovereign can do whatever it wants to. Listen to this now. Sovereign grace can only be given by One that's Sovereign. And God is Sovereign, so He can give sovereign grace (1 Peter 5:10-11). Therefore, being sovereign, grace doesn't have to ask anybody; it don't has to... It does what it wants to. Isn't that wonderful? (Ps. 135:6). It don't has to ask, "Can I do this? Or, shall I do this? Can I? Must I? Will I?" Doesn't do it. It does it itself. Grace is sovereign; therefore, He can save the vilest. He can save the impurest. He can save the immoralest. He can heal the sickest. Hallelujah.

He can save a wretch like me. And He did. What is it? Grace. William Branham, a drunkard's son: that don't make any difference; the grace of God saved me.

Can take the vilest sinner and make him white as snow (Isaiah 1:18), don't have to ask anybody about it. Oh, it can do it because it's sovereign.

Think of it. Love and grace is sisters, twin sisters. You can't have grace without having love. They're twin sisters. That's exactly right. Before you can have grace, you have to have love. Before you can actually show somebody a favor, you love them; right or wrong, you have to love them anyhow, or you can't. So love and grace is the same thing. They're just twin sisters, love and grace. We can't see one without the other. "God so loved the world, gave His only begotten Son." (John 3:16). He shed His grace and brought it in our hearts through the Holy Ghost (Rom. 5:5). See? There's just nothing you can do without working one with the other. Grace, grace of God this is what saves us.

That's what it is: grace, the grace of God. God brought grace into our lives by His love for us.

Here's something else grace can't do: grace cannot be bought; grace cannot be sold. It's grace. It's by a sovereign One. Yes, sir. You cannot bargain for it. You can say, "God, I'll do so-and-so if You'll do so-and-so." You can't do that. God won't do it. You can't pull nothing out of God. God gives it to you by His grace. Oh, oh, oh, my. "Not he that willeth or him that runneth, but God that showeth mercy." (Rom. 9:14-16). That's right.

A Methodist boy just come in and received the Holy Spirit... And them boys come to me, said, "Now, Brother Branham, now that we have been saved and has received the Holy Ghost, shall we go to seeking gifts?" I said, "Don't do it." God gives His gifts sovereignly. "Gifts and callings are

without repentance" (Rom. 11:29). The first thing you know, you go to seeking something, "God, You just make me a preacher; You just do this to me," and what you going to be? A big stuffed shirt, that's all. You'll go to some man's theology and some organization, and there you'll pillar yourself down and canker. Let God do the calling. God will call you (Rom. 8:30); God will sanctify you (Heb. 10:14); God will give you what He has need to give you. Yes, sir.

"All the Father has given Me will come to Me. No man can come except My Father calls him first." (John 6:37-39,44).

If God made me a preacher, that don't say His grace has been with me. No, no. It's His grace alone that saved me. Not because I preach the Gospel, I'm saved. Not because you speak with tongues, you're saved. Oh, no. You're not saved because you do any of these things. I Corinthians 13 proves so, "Though I speak with tongue of men and Angels, though I understand all the mysteries of God (a preacher), though I do all this, and have faith to move mountains, I am nothing until charity comes in, which is love." Love is grace. The grace of God that does all (I Cor. 13:1-10).

God's grace cannot be bargained for, neither can be talented into. It's sovereign grace. Grace did it. **But people think that they can merit it**. "Why, I went to school and I learned to do this, and I went to seminaries and I done..." That don't mean one thing. **You can't buy God's grace.** 

God's grace is like this. Let me tell you a story: One time there was a mighty king, and this mighty king had a son, and it was his only son. And one day a murderer killed that boy. And through that kingdom went the delegates hunting for that murderer. They finally found that murderer. And when they found him, they brought him back and imprisoned him. Oh, it was a terrible thing. He had murdered the king's son, and he knowed what was coming to him.

Then they brought him out to a trial. He was found guilty and proven guilty. A sentence was made, that he was to be executed under horrible capital punishment; he was to be killed by inches until his mortal life was gone. Sentenced by the judge, he was to die.

And he begged and he cried, and he said, "Though I am guilty, though I am guilty, I'm sorry that I did that. I wished I had've never done it. In a moment, in a rage of temper, I did it. I didn't mean to do it that way."

One day the king went down to the place to visit the boy, to talk to him and tell him about killing his own son, the only son he had. He said, "I'm going down to talk to him."

And when he went down there, he looked back in that cage, like a caged-in animal. He saw his little skinny body laying back there in a corner, crying, his face all sunk in, his jaws sank back, his eyes way back; matter was all in his eyes; and his mouth was all whited over: no water, thirsty, laying back there on his face, crying. The king said, "Stand up." He come up to him; he looked at him. He said, "Why did you kill my son? What did my son do to you? What did he do to merit such a death as you killed him, stabbing him to death with a spear?"

He said, "Nothing, my lord, not one thing. Just my own impudence, just my own ways. I killed him because I was jealous of him, and I got in a temper

fit, and I killed him." Said, "I'm to die under your justice, sir. I realize that, and I deserve to do it. Only thing I'm crying for, **that I'm just sorry** that I killed that royal man like that, without a cause."

The king turned on his heels and walked out, went out to the desk, and said, "Destroy all the records (You know, put them in the sea of forgetfulness.) Destroy all the records. Wash him up, and bring him up. I'll send down a robe for him."

After while, a great big limousine drove up to the door. When it did, a carpet was spread out to the prison cell. The king stood at the end of limousine, said, "Come, my son, and ride home with me to the palace," put the king's robe around his shoulder. He said, "From henceforth you are my son."

Because he had pity. That's grace.

That was me, that was you. We killed the Son of God with our sins. We were alien, dirty, filthy, laying in the cells of the world. God washed us by the Blood of His Own Son, and cleansed us, put on the robe of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:7-10; Col. 1:13-14). And now the great chariot of God will back up to the door someday, and we'll go home to live with Him. All records are destroyed; we can't be judged no more; burn them up, He put them in the sea of forgiveness (Micah 7:19) and remembers about it no more.

Then, also, grace is the truth. Then why could anyone criticize and say that grace is wrong, that we're saved by works? We are saved by grace, that through faith, not by works. Works show that you have been saved. But what saves you is the grace of God. Grace saves you (Eph. 2:8-9). Grace is what God does for you. Works is what you do for God to show appreciation of what God did for you. But by grace are you saved (Rom. 3:23-26).

Some people think, "Because I go join church, put my name on the book, that's all I have to do." Some people think, "Because I shout, that's all I have to do." Some think, "Because I got power to heal the sick, that's all I have to do." It's not. It's the grace of God that saves you, God's amazing grace. I cannot trust in any merits.

Paul said in I Corinthians 13, "Though I speak with tongue of men and Angels, though I have discernment, though I have gifts, I'll take all my goods to feed the poor, though I can move mountains with faith, though I have knowledge to understand all things, I am nothing till love comes in, which is grace." God has to do it. You can do all these things and still be lost. It's grace that saves you, God's grace to the human race.

How He's let me go all over the world, around the world to the nations to the millions of people, seen millions coming to the Lord and accept Him as personal Saviour, seen them filled with His goodness and sanctified by His power, see them healed by His great omnipotent power. Then I can cry out like as the prophet and said, "It's not by power, nor by might, but it's by the Spirit of God" (Zech. 4:6). It's not by education, not by theology, but by the Spirit of God. He saves the people. By the Spirit of God He heals the people. It's the Spirit of God that confirms the Word.

According to the prophecy (Zech. 4:6-7), there will come the Headstone, which is Christ. And I want you to notice that when the Headstone comes, the prince that's going to cry out the message will cry out, "Grace, grace." For it's by grace are we saved, that not of works, lest any man should boast. And the message of grace has been tramped under the feet of men until it's become a disgrace. Some of them run out into eternal security; some run out into, oh, everything. But the true message of grace remains the same, and there's where Satan tries to knock it out from the church. But it's the grace of God that we're all saved by (Eph. 2:8-9).

We've got theologians today; we've got Doctors of Divinity; we've got great men all over the world that's smart, intelligent, and educated. But it takes the simplicity of believing God to make His Word speak out to show that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Takes a humble heart dedicated to God, bring Jesus Christ unto present tense. Amen. If it taken theology, we wouldn't have a chance us poor unlearned people. But it doesn't take knowledge. "Not by power or by might, but by My Spirit," saith God, "I'll unfold this mystery." And, "He will cry to it, Grace, grace, with shoutings and cryings." That's what it is today: God's amazing grace to His people. How He takes the illiterate, the unlearned, shows that Jesus is the same (Matt. 11:25-26).

Now, every man here today doesn't have to be judged at the end; he can be judged today, if he wants to be judged (I Tim. 5:24). Now, there has to be a preparation made for judgment. Now, if God, in order to bring Adam and Eve into His Presence, He had to make a preparation. Now, what did that? If you don't believe in grace...

Grace, provided a preparation. Oh, how happy I am for that. Grace provided a preparation. Grace is love. God so loved His fallen creatures that He provided a preparation to stand them in His Presence before judgment. God went and killed sheep or animals; put skins on them to cover them up; and blood was first made before the judgment. The judgment was through the blood, of course. And then He shed the blood of the innocent to cover up the guilt of the guilty (Gen. 3:21). [2]

Grace is what God did for you. But works is what you do for God in appreciation of what He did for you through grace. That's the whole answer. Then if I am saved, then I live like I'm saved. But I could live like I was saved and not be saved. See? So it's the fact then brings it to this spot, that we must be born again (I Peter 1:22-23).

So the **born again experience tells what we are.** I believe in shouting and all the manifestations and demonstrations of the Spirit, **but yet that's not it yet.** See? It's something different from that. It's a new creature, something in the heart (II Cor. 5:17). [3]

Now, then, by one Spirit we are baptized into that Body, one Body which is Christ, and we are safe forever (*I Cor. 12:13*).

Now, there's where it seems to strangely strike, especially the Arminian believers, that they have to do something that to merit theirself, or some

**meritorial something.** How can it be by two things at the same time? **It's either by grace or by works, one.** It can't be by two different things, it's got to be by the one (Rom. 4:1-16).

I just can't see nothing else but the grace of God. That's my makeup. I always did believe in grace. I'm just grace all over; that's all. Even in my life when I was a boy, I couldn't see nothing, just grace, grace. See, grace works by love. Regardless if you never done nothing for me, I don't have one thing to do with you, if you need it I'll do it anyhow: Grace because that you need it...

I needed saving. There was nothing could save me. There's nothing I could do about myself; I could no more save myself than nothing. But I needed saving, because I believed in a God. And God sent His Son, made in the likeness of sinful flesh, to suffer in my place (Rom. 8:3-4). And I was saved, by grace alone was I saved; not one thing could I do, or you do, to save yourself. And those who He foreknew before the foundation of the world... [4]

Since the Seals have been opened, and find out the truth of these things, as God has been so loyal to us, with His grace, to show us these things. [5]

Wrapped in the robes of His righteousness. Not in my own; I don't have any. Mine is filthy, dirty rags. I'd hate to try to go to Heaven on my preaching. Hate to try to go to Heaven on my visions. I'm going to Heaven because I hold His grace in my heart. His grace, that's why I'm going. That's how we go. [6]

Jesus only asked for one thing, in His prayer to the Father. You know what that was? One thing, after all of His sacrifice that He did here on earth, the life that He lived, the path that He walked. He asked for one thing, "That where I am, they may be also." He asked for our fellowship. That's the only thing He asked the Father in the prayer, your companionship forever. If you want to read this in Saint John 17:24. Then how much should we desire Him?

Now listen. If you really are born of the Spirit of God, that means everything to you. See? It ain't some book of rules. You don't live any laws and so forth. You live by the grace of God, the Spirit of God  $(Rom.\ 5:15)$ .

Notice! Now, then, you are a son of God in the house of God, you are a part of God's economy. Romans 8:1, "Then there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." For they are dead to the world, alive in Him, and living in this present day, making the Word that God has used them for, foreordained them, placing their names in this Bride Book. And when the Waters come upon that seed that's in the heart, raises it up to the Bride of Christ. Oh, my! Just perfect as it can be. In every age it's been that way.

The Lutherans, under justification, the feet, raised it like that; Wesley, under sanctification. The Pentecostals under the arms, the works and deeds... **But now we come to the head, the capstone. "Grace! Grace!" the capstone cried** (Zech. 4:6-7).

The headstone crying what? "Grace! Grace!" Passed from death and creed, into a living Word of the living God. God's only provided plan for His age, His sons in the Word age quickened by the Spirit like a spark that's lit off of something to make it alive; and seated now in heavenly places, in present tense (Eph. 2:4-6), already alive and subject to every promise in the Word. Then what does that do? You being a part of God's gene, a part of the Word, other men a part of God's Word, seated together, manifest the entire Body of Christ, because there's no leaven among you (I Cor. 5:6-7). No leaven among you, just the Word only, seated in heavenly places, in the door where He put His Name: Christ Jesus. [8]

Aren't you glad you're in that Church today? Not this church roof, I mean in the Church. There is only one Church. And you don't join It. You can't take a paper in It. You're just born in It; that's all. And you're born in that Church, and it's by grace that you're born into It. You couldn't hunger to come into It; you have no desire of It, unless God Himself has ordained that vou should be in that Church. If vou'll ever be in that Church, God knew it before the foundation of the world, that you'd be in that Church. And He ordained it and predestinated you to be in that Church. Isn't that marvelous?

"All that hear My Voice shall come to Me." Is that right? "And all the Father has given Me will come to Me, and I'll raise him up again at the last day." (John 6:40; John 10:27-30).

Times may be hard. God has not promised a flower bed of ease, but He's promised grace sufficient for every trial that can hit you. That's right. Yes indeed, grace is sufficient. Not he's on a flower, flower bed of ease, but He's promised grace to overcome in every temptation. When a cross gets heavy, Christ promised to be with you. [9]

And to those who look for Christ the second time, that can overcome the things of this world, by His grace, to come into Him, and shut your eyes to anything else but Him and His Word, He will appear the second time in Glory. [10]

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Hebrews 9:27-28).

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