

Grace to Succeed

Grace defined: small part: Forgiveness and Acceptance

negative: Grace to Fail

(Tit 2:11-14) ¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

1. Brings Salvation – Forgiveness and Acceptance

2. Teaches – Live Right, Seek Jesus, Good Works

Grace to Succeed (positive)

Definition of Grace = Empowerment (Grace Notes)

1. The Power Problem:

When we lose expectation for the power of God, we lose grace to succeed, and all we have is forgiveness and acceptance. We end up accepting sin because people can't be expected to change. (line ~ Heb 10:26-27)

(2Pe 1:3-5) ³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ⁵But also for this very reason, giving all **diligence**...

2. The Prayer Problem:

It is easier to accept a level of failure than to be diligent.

(Heb 12:1-4) ¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

(Lk 22:44-46) ⁴⁴And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. ⁴⁶Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

(Mt 26:40-41) ⁴⁰Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Only Prayer Overcomes Temptation. (Weak Flesh)

Requires more Effort: grace to fail 1 min, to succeed 1 hour?

Diligence not Resisting Sin, Abiding in Him (Jn 15:4-5)

“I tried...” ~ Resisting or Abiding?

Woman caught in adultery: acceptance, stop sinning (only two choices?)
prophetic statement of empowerment!

Encounter Testimony – delivered from smoking

Vision Statement:

Culture of Acceptance (Love People)

also Ability to Set Free (Share Life)

requires His Power (Encounter God)

This is why His Church is to be a House of Prayer!

Prayer accesses Grace to Succeed.