

*Romans #102*

**“Thanks be to God who Delivers Me through Jesus Christ our Lord”**

**Part 4**

*Romans 7:24-25; Matthew 5:3-16*

**Living without the grace of God makes for the most miserable people, so why would someone choose to go it alone?**

Without the grace of our Loving God, we would be all doomed to misery on earth and eternal pain and torment thereafter.

**Our sin cannot be covered up, excused or hidden by us; it can only be cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ.**

If you were in Christ when He died, you were in Christ when He rose from the dead! Do you believe this?

*God doesn't only change our duty station when we leave here and our status while we're here, He changes who we are here and now!*

**Blessed is the person who comes to the end of himself, the one who's admitted his spiritual bankruptcy because this is the only place where God's help is given.**

We can be rescued but it has to be done a day at a time in the study and application of the Word of God and there's no instant rescue here, so God the Holy Spirit plus biblical truth in the soul is the only rescue team.

**The principle of rescue is an increase of grace and the mechanics of rescue include the filling of the Holy Spirit and constant daily learning and applying the Word, leading to spiritual maturity.**

God gives us one day at a time to learn and apply His Word to our lives as the only means of spiritual growth.

*Rescue or deliverance is the direct result of grace increasing through maturity adjustment to God.*

Grace is always the policy of the justice of God in providing blessing for the believer in time as well as in eternity.

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**We may be disappointed when our friends and loved ones fail us but the grace of God never fails.** Our standing never depends on other people, it depends upon the grace of God or divine integrity. *Grace is how man adjusts to God and either man will adjust to the justice of God or the justice of God will adjust to him.*

If the greater benefit has been provided by the justice of God (salvation), the lesser blessings in time flowing through the grace pipeline will not be withheld.

**What is sin?**

Sin is unbelief, lack of trust in God by refusing His provision and substituting our own

in its place.

*Self-discipline is choosing what's right for tomorrow over what's attractive today!*

**The level of our gratitude is a gauge for measuring progress of the spiritual life in the soul.**

Gratitude is the ministry of God the Holy Spirit in making the benefits of the unique spiritual life of the Church Age pleasing to the mind, so that our accumulation of God's happiness becomes the measure of capacity for life.

*True thanksgiving or gratitude can only exist where there is maximum truth in the soul.*

Our gratitude gauge doesn't apply to other people, it applies to God, His grace and it relates to ourselves.

**If we are going to have harmonious relationship with God, it must be on the basis of His commands within His plan.**

Harmony with God must come before harmony with people or our fellowship with people will be a disaster.

*It takes a power equivalent to God's power to execute the spiritual life and we have 2 categories of equivalent power available; the filling of the Holy Spirit and the Word in our souls.*

Happiness is not in our body but in our soul and it doesn't depend on circumstances outside the soul but on circumstances inside the soul.

The unhappiness that comes from trying to be happy is the reason why people are miserable all of their lives.

**The happiness of the humanity of Christ solved the problem of staying on the cross while being ridiculed and judged for our sins because true happiness has the capacity to endure the most horrible things in life.**

Without gratitude to God and grace-orientation, there's no happiness for us, even if all of our lusts are fulfilled, because there's no capacity for happiness.

*We will always be miserable when we have no gratitude for God.*

Gratitude is one of the great productions of the spiritual life.