

Church Announcements and Events:

Calendar of Events for the Month of August 2018:

⇒ **Wednesdays:** *"The Book of Philippians" - Discovering God in the Midst of Life.*

Special Announcements:

- ⇒ **8/5 - 9/2 - "WELCOME HOME" Sunday Morning Bible Study for Life:** (9:50am - 10:10am). Join us in the journey to take "Hospitality" to the next level!
- **Built to Last - Men's Conference** (Friday, September 14th & Saturday, September 15th, 2018) - Eagle Mountain International Church (EMIC), Fort Worth, TX - (see CCB or Pastor Ed for details).



**Friday & Saturday
September 14th & 15th**

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LEARNING TO GIVE
ACTS 20:35

Sunday, August 26th, 2018

"Welcome To Your Church!"

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, August 26th, 2018

SERMON SERIES: "Stay In Your Lane!"

SERMON TITLE: "Achieving Satisfaction"

2 Corinthians 8:1 - 8 (NKJV) - "Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. 7 But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also."

- Paul, by the Holy Spirit, is writing to the Corinthian Church about the _____ bestowed or _____ on the churches of Macedonia. What was on the Churches of Macedonia was the _____
• We as born-again Christian believers, and Christ-followers should not confuse or get confused or mix up GRACE and RIGHTEOUSNESS or GRACE and MERCY! Romans 5:17 (NKJV) - "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."
Receive = (Gr: lambano) - "to get hold of"
Grace = (Gr: charis) - the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude: - favor, gift, joy liberality, pleasure, thanks.
Righteousness = (Gr: dikaiosyne) - justification; right standing with God
Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) - "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
Mercy = (Gr: eleos) - active compassion for our failures, our mess-ups and our lack of ability to get things done; tender mercy; kindness or good will towards the miserable and the afflicted, joined with a desire to help them. Help = aid and assist you when you need it!

MORE ABOUT GRACE: 1 Peter 5:10 (NKJV) - "But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." God the Father is the _____ of all GRACE!

- John 1:14 (NKJV) - "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." Jesus our Lord is _____ of GRACE and TRUTH! FULL = "covered over with" (Ref Acts 10:38)
• Hebrews 10:29 (NKJV) - "Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" The Holy Spirit is the _____ of Grace!
• Five (5) Expressions of Grace: Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV) - "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.
(1) _____ GRACE is God's power and ability to justify us, forgive our sins, and make us new creatures in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV) - "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."
(2) _____ GRACE is God's power and ability to purify us and enable us to live holy lives in a corrupt world. Titus 2:11 - 12 (NKJV) - "11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age"
(3) _____ GRACE is God's power and ability to energize and inspire us to live victoriously, to reign over the challenges and circumstances of life. Romans 5:17 (NKJV) - "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."
(4) _____ GRACE is God's power and ability to meet our needs and take joy in giving to others. 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV) - "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."
(5) _____ GRACE is God's power and ability to serve Him and other with His divinely imparted gifts and aptitudes. 1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV) - "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

THE SHARING OR GIVING GRACE OF THE CHURCHES OF MACEDONIA: 2 Corinthians 8:1 - 8 (NKJV) - "Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality."

THE GRACE OF GIVING: Read 2 Corinthians 8:1 - 15 (AMPC) Paul, introduces how beautiful it is to give under _____ . What are the Aspects, Attributes of this GRACE?

- 1st - GRACE GIVING IS _____ (8:1 - 3). We are to go from giving only specifically to giving SACRIFICIALLY. The word "sacrifice" gets its meaning ultimately from the Latin: sacra which means "sacred" and facio which means "to make". So the word means literally "to make sacred," or "to make holy"; in other words to devote something to God.
2nd - GRACE GIVING IS _____ (8:3). It is not done out of obligation or a sense of "oughtness" but as a natural outpouring of God's love in a person's heart.
3rd - GRACE GIVING IS _____. Selflessness undergirds the entire Christian life; it certainly ought to be a guiding principle for giving of material and financial resources.

SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

SERMON TITLE: "Achieving Satisfaction"

- 4th - GRACE GIVING IS _____. A system of giving begins with a commitment (partnership) to give. Those who wait to begin giving until they can afford to do so will never begin.
5th - GRACE GIVING IS _____. Stewardship is a spiritual exercise just as faith is.
6th - GRACE GIVING IS _____. They reflect a sincere love for God and a desire to advance the ministry of the Church.
7th - GRACE GIVING IS _____. Paul urged the Corinthians to not only start well but the finish with the same enthusiasm.
• Read 2 Corinthians 9:1 - 10 (AMPC)
• 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NKJV) - "7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."
• THE GREATEST MOTIVATION TO GIVE IS THE DESIRE TO BE INVOLVED IN WHAT GOD IS DOING! IN GIVING, CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE JOY AS THEY PARTNER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE LOFTY AND PROFOUND WORK OF MINISTRY AND THE ABUNDANT GOOD WORKS OF GOD.
Sufficiency = SATISFACTION; CONTENTEDNESS. A perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is needed.
• Grace given is Grace multiplied! The God Who supplies is also the one Who multiplies! CLAIMING TO LOVE GOD IS EASY. BUT GIVING SACRIFICALLY TO THE LORD IS PROOF OF THAT LOVE.

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