

Amazing Grace

The Sufficiency of Grace

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

“Grace” is used in the New Testament in two distinct but complimentary ways:

1. God’s _____ freely given to us from which salvation and all other blessings come.
2. God’s _____ to us through the Holy Spirit.

In order to experience both aspects of God’s grace in our lives, we must move past _____ and _____

Paul’s Strange Resume

1. God _____ Him (1-6)

- _____ (see Acts 9; 16:9; 18:9-10; 22; 23:11; 27:11)
- _____ (see Ephesians 3:1-6; Galatians 1:12)
- _____

2. God Humbled Him (7-8)

“Thorn” – _____

Satan was the _____ cause, but God was the _____ cause

It was _____, but _____

“Has it ever occurred to you that the very thing you most want removed from your life might be the very thing God uses in the greatest way for his glory?” Hershael York

Paul appropriately _____ with the Lord in prayer!

You do not know the truth about your situation until you have heard from God.

3. God _____ Him (9-10)

Paul didn't get a total _____, but he did get a _____

God promised him a grace that was:

- _____
- _____

When you cry out to God about a “Thorn in the Flesh,” God sometimes:

- _____ you from it
- _____ with you in it

“I believe my greatest spiritual asset throughout my entire life has been my failing sight, for it has kept me absolutely dependent upon God.” Henrietta Mears

God's grace is sufficient for anything you are facing or will ever face in your life!

Making It Personal:

- Have you personally experienced God's saving grace through turning from sin and self-righteousness and turning to Christ and Christ alone in trust and submission?
- Where in your life do you need to experience God's sufficient and strengthening grace?
- How have you brought this before God in continual prayer? What direction has God given you out of that praying?
- Are you willing for God to glorify himself not by removing your "thorn in the flesh" from you, but remaining with you as you deal with it by his enabling grace?
- How will you daily appropriate the sufficiency of God's grace?