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Lesson 5

v. 3...*Grace to you and peace...*

Although this is Paul's usual greeting—

in this letter, ...**grace**... and ...**peace**... are under attack.

Let's look at the following Scriptures to understand the significance of ...**grace**... in our salvation.

Eph. 1:6>>We have been blessed with ...*every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ... to the praise of the glory of God's **grace**...*

Eph. 1: 7-8 ...*we have redemption through [Christ's] blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses...according to the riches of [God's] **grace**...*

Eph. 2:5-8 ...*by **grace** you have been saved), ...7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His **grace** in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 By **grace** you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God...*

Every aspect of our salvation is the result of God's **grace**

*But why is **grace** so important to God?*

Because

- **grace** accentuates God, not man
- **grace** shows us that God is the **Source** and **meaning** of our salvation
- **grace** explains God's reason and means of saving us
- **grace** teaches us that our salvation is

from God, **for** God and **about** God

Grace can be defined as God's sovereign, gratuitous, unilateral and merciful work of God in delivering us ...*from the wrath to come [1 Tim. 1:10]... in Christ [Rom. 5:12]*

In summary, **grace** accentuates

- God's character not man's
- God's choice not man's
- God's humility not man's arrogance
- God's power not man's impotence
- God's free choice, not man's choice
- God's work not man's
- God's glory not man's shame

v. 3...*and peace...*

...peace..

*...peace **with** God...[Rom. 5:1]*

Our warfare with God is over

Rom. 5:10 *...while we were [God's] enemies...*

Col. 1:21 *...[we] were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds...*

*...the peace **of** God...[Phil. 4:7]*

John 14:27—Jesus says...*My peace...I give to you, not as the world gives...*

*...peace...*is the relational...*condition...*that exists within God among the Three Divine Persons

*...peace...*is the condition in which everything is according to the will of God

where there is no disagreement, only harmony, satisfaction and delight

all is according to God's will

the condition of perfect relational and functional...*rest...*

v. 3 *...from God the Father...*

*...**grace**...* originates from the Father's will

v. 3-4 ...and the **LORD** Jesus Christ...

...**grace**...reveals the identity and ministry of the ...*the* **LORD** Jesus Christ...

- His Divinity... **LORD**...
- His Humanity...**Jesus**...
- His ministry...**Christ**...

v. 4 ...Who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father...

...**grace**... explains how and why we were saved

v. 5...to Whom be the glory forever and ever amen...

A synopsis of how God has saved us by His ...**grace**...