

Living Stones Church
Sermon Notes – April 19, 2009
“Grace”

John 1:14-17

“¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' ¹⁶And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

Grace is favor or kindness shown without regard to the worth or merit of the one who receives it and in spite of what that same person deserves. Grace is not getting what you do deserve- it is getting what you do not deserve.

Grace is one of the key attributes of God. The Lord God is "merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abounding in goodness and truth" (Ex 34:6). Therefore, grace is almost always associated with mercy, love, compassion, and patience as the source of help and with deliverance from distress.

In the Old Testament, the supreme example of grace was the redemption of the Hebrew people from Egypt and their establishment in the Promised Land. This did not happen because of any merit on Israel's part, but in spite of their unrighteousness (Deut 9:5-6)

Although the grace of God is always free and undeserved, it must not be taken for granted. Grace is only enjoyed within the covenant-the gift is given by God, and the gift is received by man through repentance and faith. *‘That we should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. ⁸To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.’*

Grace is to be humbly sought through the prayer of faith. *“Lord please forgive me of my sins, come into my heart today. Thank you Jesus for dying for me.”*

Have you asked Jesus to forgive you and come to live inside you? If not please don't wait until it is too late to receive forgiveness. Partake of that wonderful grace today.