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## GOD'S UNMERITED FAVOR

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**Ephesians 2:8-10** 8) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and not that of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.
10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Upon hearing of Jesus' plan to return to Judea, the disciples reminded Him that a short while ago the Jews tried to stone Him (**John 11:8-9**). It is not what they will or will not do, but what must be done; and Jesus must get on and complete His task. The purpose for which He had come into

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the world was inwardly pressing Him forward, despite the obstacles that came His way. He would pursue the task right to the end.

Those who know Jesus have an inner power that compels the desire for good work. The spiritual work God has for each of us is part of our calling and can only be released through His grace. Grace can be defined as God's unmerited favor. God's grace is a gift (**Ephesians 2:8-10**). It is a free gift offered by God because of His love for us. It is through grace that we regain the identity and purpose God planned for us. Grace is the power of God to do what we cannot do ourselves; in fact, we cannot do anything for ourselves. Jesus says, "...without me ye can do nothing" (**John 15:5**). We can depend on God each day for the grace needed to live for Him.

**Let Us Pray:** Gracious and loving Father, we are thankful for all the benefits of grace that is ours through Christ Jesus the Lord. Help us use that grace to your praise and glory, In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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