

Sunday School Lesson for the month of July 2015

What the Bible Says About Grace

2 Corinthians 12:9

Sunday, July 5, 2015

God's grace is sufficient to save and to sustain the believer. Grace carries forward his salvation [Rom. 6:14]. When one is made a child of God, he does not receive a stock of grace with which to go on for the rest of his life. He has grace for that day, but he must receive additional grace on each succeeding day. One receives salvation upon believing on Christ, but day by day he needs to draw upon the mighty reservoirs of blessing from God's grace. No matter what the circumstances are, by His grace God infuses into the Christian a sufficiency of divine strength. The storehouse of his grace, with all its vastness and fullness of supply, is open for our use.

God's wondrous grace is adequate to sustain his children.

I. In Life's Temptations.

By temptations we mean enticement to sin. Temptation is something within or without a person to get him to cease to be what he ought to be or to fail to do what he knows is right. All temptation comes directly or indirectly from Satan.

Frequently Christians yield to temptation, but their indulgence in sin never makes them happy. A real Christian can never be happy as long as sin stands between him and God.

Maybe your sin is that of a cold heart toward God. Maybe you have been living a prayer-less life. Maybe you have neglected the study of God's word. Maybe you have been withholding God's money and using it for yourself. Whatever your sin, confess it to God and ask Him for forgiveness and restoration to His favor and fellowship [1 John 1:9]. Let God flood your soul again with the joy you lost when you yielded to temptation. Through grace God will enable you to overcome temptation and be victorious in the Christian life.

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II. In Life's Troubles.

The prospect of trials and troubles looms before all [Joshua 5:7; John 16:33]. Problems and perplexities are always confronting us and causing us concern. Troubles come when we least expect them. Expect trouble to come your way sooner or later, for it is a part of both human and Christian experience.

There are all kinds of trouble; those of the body, mind, and the soul. There are troubles we bring on ourselves and those that others bring on us. Expect and be prepared for that which is the common lot of humans.

Many try to manage their lives without God's help and by that deprive themselves of much strength and many blessings. God knows all about our troubles and wants to help us through them. To us He says. "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shall glorify me" [Psa. 50:15]. Even though you may not know the reason for your trouble, God has a loving purpose in permitting it, such as keeping you from sinning, helping you to discover His will, and causing you to love Him more and to obey Him better. In answer to prayer, God delivers from trouble at the time, in the way, and by the means He sees best. When we call upon Him, God delivers us from our troubles, either by granting what we ask or by doing something else for us that is more for our good and His glory.

God's wondrous grace is sufficient to sustain us in all our troubles. When we are called upon to endure unusual suffering, He gives patience. When extraordinary sorrows come, He gives adequate strength and comfort.

Many Christians have been comforted by Christ's statement, "My grace is sufficient for thee." His grace is sufficient for all believers in all circumstances and in all generations. The supply of sustaining grace has exact correspondence with the need- never too much, never too soon and never too late.

Imprisoned in Rome and awaiting the hour of execution, Paul expressed his attitude about dying [2 Tim 4:6-8]. God's grace was sufficient to sustain him in his final hour. When we who are God's children, come to the end of the way, we too, shall discover that the marvelous grace of God will sustain us as we enter the valley of the shadow of death.