

LESSON 10

THE GRACE OF GOD
AND THE
GREAT COMMISSION

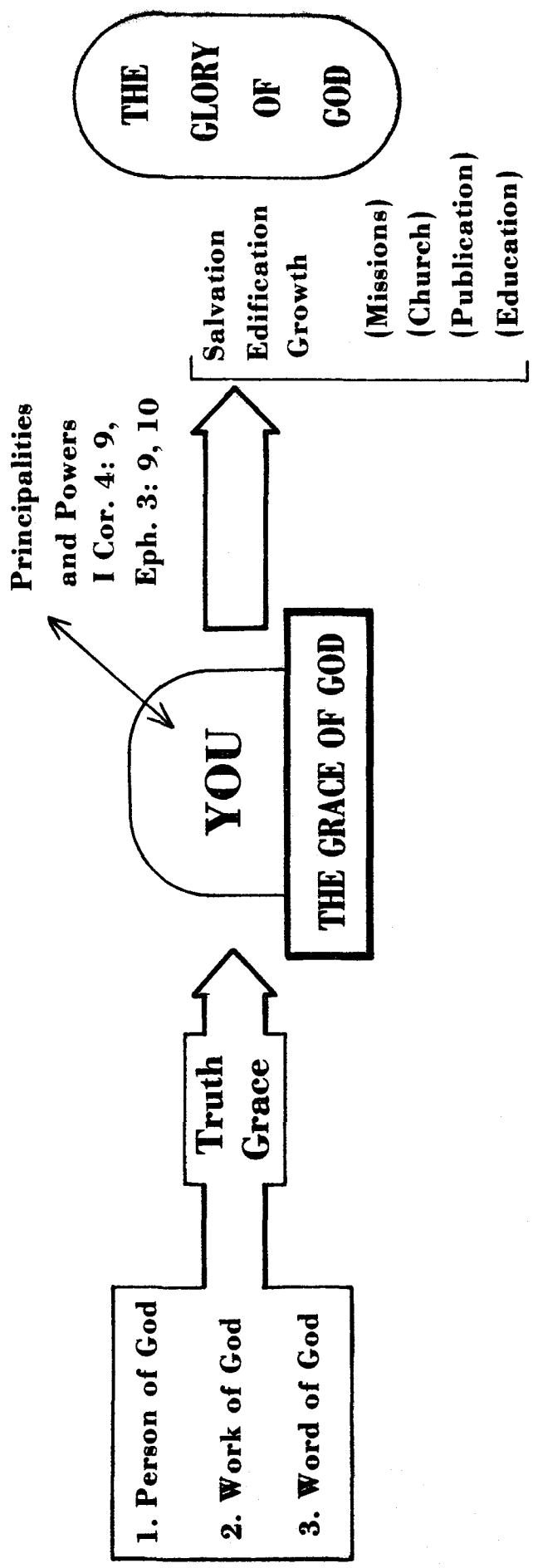
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THE SOURCE OF GRACE

THE MANIFESTATION OF GRACE

THE GOAL OF GRACE



Introduction

- A. One of the most amazing truths of the Bible is that God has given the privilege of communicating the Gospel -- to His people.
- B. E.M. Bounds, in his book Power Through Prayer, reminds us of this great principle when he said, "God only anoints people."
- C. This lesson again emphasizes the place of the Christian in the plan of God. We have been made the Salt and Light of the World (Matt. 5:13,14) We have been made Ambassadors for the Kingdom of God and have been given the office of the Priesthood (II Cor. 5:20; I Peter 2:5,9). The believer is important to God.

I. The Biblical Basis for This Lesson.

The Grace of God is manifested in many of the facets of this lesson. It is God's grace that first of all brings us to salvation; it is grace that gives us the privilege of carrying the Gospel to others; the message we carry is that of the Grace of God and grace is that which our hearers receive from God.

Acts 14:26 --

Acts 20:24 --

Acts 20:32 --

Ephesians 3:2 --

Ephesians 3:7 --

Ephesians 3:8 --

II. The Biblical Message of the Gospel of the Grace of God, Acts 20:24.

A. The Gospel is a proclamation of a Person: Jesus Christ.

Psalm 45:2 --

John 1:14,17 --

B. The Gospel is a proclamation of representative historical deeds.

The Incarnation - II Corinthians 8:9.

The Crucifixion - Hebrews 2:9.

The Resurrection - Ephesians 2:5.

The Ascension - Ephesians 2:6.

The Day of Pentecost - Ephesians 4:7-10; Hebrews 10:29.

The Return of Jesus Christ - I Peter 1:13.

C. The Gospel is a proclamation of a redemptive invitation.

Acts 20:24 --

Acts 20:32 --

Ephesians 2:8,9 --

Ephesians 3:7,8 --

D. The Gospel is a proclamation of a transforming directive for daily life.

II Corinthians 9:8; 12:9 --

II Timothy 1:9-11 --

II Peter 3:18 --

- E. The Gospel is a proclamation of a meaningful and purposeful obligation of daily service: The Great Commission.

Matthew 28:18-20 --

Luke 24:47 --

III. The Biblical Benefits of the Gospel of the Grace of God.

- A. The Gospel brings the Grace of God, Acts 20:24.
- B. The Gospel brings salvation, Romans 1:16.
- C. The Gospel brings stability, Romans 16:25.
- D. The Gospel brings the new birth, I Corinthians 4:15.
- E. The Gospel brings enlightenment, II Corinthians 4:4.
- F. The Gospel brings the truth and sealing of the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 1:13.
- G. The Gospel brings peace, Ephesians 6:15.
- H. The Gospel brings hope, Colossians 1:23.
- I. The Gospel brings power, the ministry of the Holy Spirit and assurance, I Thessalonians 1:5.
- J. The Gospel brings the call of God, II Thessalonians 2:13,14.
- K. The Gospel brings afflictions, II Timothy 1:8.

(Which one of these benefits are you willing to live without? All of these are of the highest value in our daily lives! They are a part of our experience because someone brought us the Gospel. Let's trust God to motivate us to bring all of this to others.)

IV. The Biblical Explanation of the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20.

- A. The explanatory promise of divine power, v.18 -- "all power."

- B. The universal directive, v.19 -- "go ye therefore."
 - C. The instructive imperatives, vv. 19, 20.
 - 1. The first task, "disciple."
 - 2. The second task, "baptize."
 - 3. The third task, "teach."
 - D. The explanatory promise of divine presence, v.20 -- "I am with you always."
- V. The Biblical Demand of Honesty and Obedience in Regard to the Great Commission.
- A. The Apostolic instruction, II Thessalonians 2:14.

"He called you by our Gospel...."
 - B. Honesty and obedience are a necessity, because:
 - 1. Witnessing is the work of God.

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 - 2. Witnessing is the presentation of the Word of God.

"He called you by our Gospel...."
 - 3. Witnessing is the presentation of the Word of God in the context of our own experience.

"He called you by our Gospel...."

Conclusion

- A. We have been made the recipients of the Grace of God.
- B. Our privilege and responsibility is to bring this grace to others.