

The Sufficiency of Grace

9 And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weakness, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. **10** Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak

2 Corinthians 12:9, 10

got grace?

Sermon Notes

Grace – undeserved, divine assistance given by God for the purpose of salvation, sanctification, and regeneration

Paul goes to heaven

1 This boasting will do no good, but I must go on. I will reluctantly tell about visions and revelations from the Lord. **2** I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don’t know—only God knows. **3** Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know **4** that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.

Everybody needs someone in their life who has _____ where they want to go.

A refusal to boast

5 That experience is worth boasting about, but I’m not going to do it. **I will boast only about my weaknesses.** **6** If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won’t do it, because I don’t want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message.

Continuing to live in grace will keep you _____.

Humble [Greek *Tapeinos*] – to remain low; to not rise far from

Meekness – to accept God’s actions toward you as good, without dispute or resistance.

7 even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in the flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

God balances our blessings with _____.

Thorn [Greek *skolops*] – scalpel or steak

God says no

8 Three different times *I begged the Lord to take it away.* **9** And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

God’s **Grace** will _____ you while you go through.

10 **Therefore** I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.



OVERVIEW

WHY GRACE?? – The purpose of this teaching is to deepen your understanding of salvation by unpacking the theological significance and existential relevance of Christ’s death and resurrection.