

Boundless Grace Free to All

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“Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ” (Eph. 4:7). The measure of the gift of Christ is “all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” This is true whether viewed as the measure of the gift, which God made in giving Christ, or as the measure of the gift which Christ himself gave. For the gift that God gave is his only begotten Son, and in “him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily” (Col. 2:9), and this being only the measure of the grace that is given to every one of us, it follows that unto every one of us is given grace without measure, simply boundless grace.

Viewed from the measure of the gift in which Christ himself gives to us, it is the same; because “he gave himself for us”; he gave himself for our sins, and in this he gave himself *to* us. And as in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and as he gave himself, then the measure of the gift of Christ on his own part is also only the measure of the fullness of the Godhead bodily. It therefore follows that from this standpoint also; the measure of grace that is given to every one of us is only the measure of the fullness of the Godhead, that is, simply immeasurable.

Thus in whatever way it is viewed, the plain words of the Lord is that unto every one of us he has given grace to the measure of the fullness of the Godhead bodily: that is, boundless, immeasurable grace—all the grace he has. This is good. But it is just the Lord; it is just like the Lord to do that, for he is good.

And this boundless grace is all given, given freely, to “*every one* of us.” To *us* it is. To you and me, just as we are. And that is good. We need just that much grace to make us what the Lord wants us to be, and he is just so kind as to give it all to us freely, that we may be indeed just what he wants us to be.

The Lord wants every one of us to be saved, and that with the very fullness of salvation. And therefore he has given to every one of us the very fullness of grace, because it is grace that brings the salvation. For it is written, “The grace of God *that brings salvation* hath appeared to all men” (Titus 2:11). Thus the Lord wants all to be saved, and therefore he gave all of his grace, bringing salvation to all. The marginal reading of this text tells it that way, and it is just as true as the reading in the verse itself. Here it is: “The grace of God that brings salvation to all men, has appeared.” All the grace of God is given freely to every one, bringing salvation to all. Whether any one will receive it is another question. What we are studying now is the truth and the fact that God *has given* it, having given it all, he is clear, even though men may reject it.

The Lord wants us to be perfect; and so it is written: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5:48). Desiring that we shall be perfect, he has given us, every one, all the grace that he has, bringing the fullness of his salvation, that every man may be presented perfect in Christ Jesus. The very purpose

of this gift of his boundless grace is that we may be made *like Jesus*, who is the image of God, even so it is written: "Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ, . . . *for the perfecting* of the saints; . . . till *we all* come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto *a perfect man*, unto the *measure* of the stature of *the fullness* of Christ" (Eph. 1:7, 12, 13).

Do you want to be like Jesus? Then receive the grace that he has so fully and so freely given. Receive it in the measure in which *he has given it*, not in the measure in which you think you deserve it. Yield yourself to it, that it may work in you and for you the wondrous purpose for which it is given, and it will do it. It will make you like Jesus. It will accomplish the purpose and the wish of him who has given it. "Yield yourselves unto God" (Rom. 6:13). "I beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" (2 Cor. 6:1).