Grace And Faith. (Part 1)

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For by grace are we saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God.

As long as I can remember I have heard that it is all by grace. And, of course it is. The only question is: **How do we receive this wonderful grace from God?**

Remember that when the bible says **saved** it is talking about the forgiveness of sins, healing, and anything or everything else in our lives that we need to be saved from. How does it happen? **Through faith!**

This was a stumbling block for me for years. *How can I, that am so weak, have strong faith?* How can I believe like the people in the bible believed, and see mountains of problems be removed and cast into the sea? (Mark 11:22-24)

Then one day I saw that *faith is a grace that I receive through the Word of God!* So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). All I have to do is to hear God's Word and then *faith to receive my promise from God and grace to believe that promise comes with it.*

My confidence then is in that unbroken, living Word of God, and I hold fast to it in the face of every opposition thrown my way. His Word of grace. His Word of faith!

Let us therefore come boldly to the *throne of grace* to obtain mercy and *find grace to help* in the time of need.

Thank God it is a throne of *grace* where we through prayer can find *grace* to help in the time of need. We come to it with boldness and <u>faith in Him</u> who is sitting on that throne. Knowing that **He loves us** with an unconditional love and that He wants to help us and fellowship with us as a father seeks to fellowship with his children.

As we come to that throne of grace through the blood of Jesus, we can know that it is not because of who we are or what we have done, but it is because of who He is and what He has done for us **on the cross, where He gave Himself as a lamb to be slaughtered for the sins of all peoples of all times.**

Now let us take this position in Christ based on the Word of God and confess:

By grace through faith are we saved, and in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

Scriptures to study: Ephesians 2:8, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 4:16, Romans 8:37

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