



Receiving grace from God

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As a young man growing up in Church, I heard a lot of preaching about the grace of God, and that, no doubt, helped me to receive my salvation as a young child at only eight years of age.

Later, as I received the Holy Spirit and read my Swedish bible over and over, the Lord gave me my first revelation from the first miracle that Jesus performed at the wedding in Cana.

The Wedding at Cana:

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.** His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots with water.** And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, **Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast.** And they bare *it*. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now. **This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.** (John 2:1-11)

The Lord told me that from this supernatural event, spiritual conclusions can be drawn.

God's chosen people, Abraham and his family, had, through Moses, received the law--the will of Jehovah--for them and their descendents. As we all know, they failed to keep the law--all except one, Yeshua Hamashiah, Jesus the Anointed.

That is what this particular scripture is talking about: the mission of Jesus.

- The wine
 - The wine is symbolic of joy.
 - The need for wine is the need for the Grace of God that will come as we turn to Jesus on his terms (Word).
 - The wine is also a symbol of the Grace of God in the Blood of Jesus (Revelation 12:11).
- The water is a symbol of the Word (Ephesians 5:26) and also the Law of Moses.
- The waterpots are the Jewish people first (and then all other nations), that had received the law (water) but could not fulfill it and therefore needed forgiveness and grace from God.
- Mary represents the Holy Spirit admonishing us all to follow the instructions of the Lord.
- As the servants presented the wine to the ruler of the feast, so are we all as Christians called to present the Gospel of the Kingdom of Grace to a world that is thirsty for the love of God.

So God, in Jesus, took the Law (the Water) and transformed it into unmerited favor or Grace (the Wine), so that we all could live, not based on our own merits, but based on the merits of Grace, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

For it is by his grace that we have been saved through faith, and this faith was not from you, but it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8 (Aramaic bible).

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