

Let God do in your life, what you cannot do for yourself

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Receive His grace

We all have things that come against us in life that look permanent. These things might seem big and intimidating and it's easy to be overcome and think they will never turn around. But as you walk through your darkest valley, know that God is your very present help in time of need. When you come to the one who always knows what to do and loves you more than any other, you can be sure that He will always respond exceedingly, abundantly above all that you can ask or think. Beloved, no matter how dark your situation might seem, you can trust in God's faithful love to see you through. And by the same confidence in God's faithful love and grace you will personally experience His peace which surpasses all understanding and be more conscious of His super-abounding supply of all of life's demands.

Let's turn our Bibles to Isaiah 1:18

***“Come now, and let us reason together,”
Says the LORD,
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They shall be as wool.***

Sin is like a red dye on our souls. Red dye creates stains and even if some of it is washed out, a faint discolouration will remain, or you can see a stain mark stays behind it. But the good news is that you don't have to stay in your sin.

You could make a case very strong on this verse from the grace of God that nobody ever got forgiven and their sins change from crimson to being as white as snow through their own goodness because they deserved it. This is about the grace of God.

God's plan from the beginning has been to remove the ugly stain sin has left in the world. And that's what (Isa 1:18) is talking about. Nobody deserves forgiveness. We have a saviour who paid for our sins and that's the only way our sins are dealt with like this.

There is only one hope from sin and that's the person of Jesus. There's nothing you can do about your own sin or about your sin nature if you are an unbeliever. Sin is not superficial; it penetrates into every fibre of our lives. When Adam and Eve chose to disobey, their relationship with God was fractured by sin and ever since that tragic day, all of us have inherited that sin disposition at the very core of our being. It's important to know that only God can restore what sin has destroyed.

Sin is devastating. God warned us when mankind first decided to turn away from Him, that sin results in death. The Bible says in Gen 2: 16-17

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

How did it affect Adam and Eve? Shame, fear, banishment, death, and a lot of other things happened as a result of their sin. Death has now spread to all men because all have sinned. Its effect was first upon Adam and Eve. The effect of sin on Adam and Eve has not changed a single bit.

We all need the grace of God that Isa 1:18 is talking about. The grace of God is an unlimited favour of God which has been granted to all people. It's His undeserved, His unconditional and His unlimited favour towards us. How do your sins get forgiven? Ask yourself. Only by what Jesus did. You can't make yourself cleansed. The Bible talks about how the leopard can't get rid of its spots. You must have God to supernaturally touch you and that's the grace of God. *Jesus came to die that He might make atonement for our sins.*

¹⁷ Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. (Heb. 2:17)

1 John 2:2,

² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

His blood removes the stain of sin forever. (1 John 4:10).

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

And God remembers our sins no more. (Isa 43:25)

***I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake;
And I will not remember your sins.***

God wants us to accept Jesus' death in exchange for our own. His death was substitutional, and He will forgive us unconditionally as He draws us to Himself.

People are trying much harder to make life complete. You cannot complete something when God and God alone hold the final piece of the puzzle. ***Let God do in your life what you cannot do for yourself.***

There are two categories of people: those who have accepted the grace of God and those who have rejected the grace of God. Those of us who have accepted the grace of God have acknowledged our need of it. Those who have rejected the grace of God, in their pride they say, we don't need God. We are good enough and sufficient in ourselves. And unless a person accepts and appropriate for himself the unlimited, unconditional, unmerited grace of God, he comes to a stark realisation that he needs something from God he cannot provide for himself.

Let me ask you a question: Has there ever come a time in your life when you asked God to move in your life, when you told Him you could not do for yourself what you knew needed to be done and you wanted Him to help you? What you were asking for is the manifestation of His grace in your life.

The grace of God has been surrounding us all of our lifetime. In fact, the grace of God is not revealed to a person the day he is saved. The grace of God has been expressed towards us from the moment we came into being.

The expression of the grace, and the favour and the blessing of God, have been surrounding us all of our lifetime. The problem is, we have been blinded to the need of grace, blinded to the way we appropriate His favour personally in our lives. All of us need to acknowledge that we need God's favour, goodness, love, mercy and kindness in our lives. It's important to take notice of the availability of God's grace.

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (Titus 2:11)

The Bible is talking about the availability of God's grace for all of us.

Salvation is by grace only. God has not limited His grace to anybody. In every segment of society, the unlimited grace of God, the all-available grace of God is visibly manifested. Grace brought Christ to you and me. Christ is the personification of grace. ***And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14)***. He personified grace. The grace of God manifested in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ and with Him, there's rescue of all men. Grace is the person and work of Jesus Christ who came into the world to destroy the power of sin over humanity. Whoever accepts Him is granted His unlimited, and unmerited favour. Receive Him today if you haven't done so.

This grace is available to everybody. Jesus bore our sins on the cross and has opened the door of hope: He has made freedom from guilt and condemnation possible to all who are willing to receive it. Friend, it's time you allowed ***God to do in your life, what you cannot do for yourself***.

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Rom 5:1-2)

When a man is willing to accept His unlimited, His undeserved, His unconditional favour, the Bible says we are at peace with God. In Christ we have peace because He has made peace with God for all who trust in Him. We are placed in a position of the grace of God.

Where is that position?

We now have access into the grace of God in which we stand. We have access to God through Christ.

The Bible says we stand, we are standing in the undeserved, unconditional, and unlimited favour of God. His favour is unconditional. It's not about how good we are or how bad we are or what we promised him that we are going to do.

Unconditional love, unlimited love. That means you cannot measure it. You cannot weigh it. It's absolutely immeasurable, the matchless grace of God. God knows nothing about deserving conditions or limitations. We stand in this grace.

And God has given His followers the task of testifying to the gospel of His grace. Rather than viewing this task as just one more job to try to squeeze into already full lives, God asks us to allow His Spirit to work in our hearts to change our priorities. With His help we can learn to commit to the task of getting God's incredible message of grace to all people.

Friend, are you afraid to spread the good news of the gospel? ***Let God do in your life what you cannot do for yourself***. Stir up the spirit of God in you and boldly sharing your testimony and faith will be far more significant to you than any other thing you are doing in life.

¹⁵ And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor 5:15, 20,21)

Listen:

You may not be a Christian and you may be struggling with whether God will save you or not. I want to tell you that He will. He will save you just like He saved most of us, because He wants to and because He loves us, not because we deserve it and I want to encourage you to just **let God do in your life what you cannot do for yourself**. I want to encourage you to obey God in whatever He wants you to do this very moment.

Put your trust in Jesus, and if you will, you may pray this prayer after me, saying every word from your heart,

Dear Lord: I recognise that I am a sinner and need to be saved.

I understand that Jesus died in my place and suffered the judgment of all of my sins.

I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and He is at the right hand of the father.

Lord Jesus, I surrender my Life to you.

Come and Live in my heart and be my Lord and saviour.

Thank You for saving me. Amen!