

HOLY HELPS

THEME: THANKSGIVING

GRATEFUL FOR GRACE

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.” (Titus 2:11-14)

Yes, I am thankful for grace! As we approach another Thanksgiving Day and ponder all of the blessings that have been ours, none exceeds the manifold grace of God. Grace represents both the need of mankind and the unlimited kindness of God. The grace of God is a gift and you can't boast about deserving a gift. You can only be thankful for it. So like Paul, I can say, *“By the ‘grace’ of God I am what I am”* (I Cor. 15:10).

The "God of all grace" (I Peter 5:10) has multiple forms of grace: There is:

Strengthening grace (II Cor. 12:9);

Sustaining grace (II Cor. 9:8);

Serving grace (I Cor. 15:10);

Standing grace (Rom. 5:2);

Singing grace (Col. 3:16);

Speaking grace (Col. 4:6);

Succumbing grace as manifested in the life of Stephen at death's door (Acts 7:54-60).

The familiar hymn *“Amazing grace”* written by John Newton, expresses his and our gratitude in these words: *“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that save a wretch like me, I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.”*

Yes, indeed, we are grateful for Grace! The "God of all grace" has graced us with His grace salvation. Thank God for “grace that is greater than all our sins.”

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