



REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

Imparting The Elijah Anointing

“Apostolic Grace”

Dr. John Polis

April 7, 2008

The first apostles walked in a high level of supernatural power that gave them ability to meet any need and rise to any challenge the enemy could hurl at them. This supernatural ability is otherwise called the **grace of God** at work in their lives, and was a major theme of apostolic preaching.

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified”, Acts 20:32.

Scripture gives us a key to walking in that dimension of grace that is available to every believer and will first be demonstrated by the restored apostles in today’s church. Before we look at this key principle of obtaining grace, we should notice that there are measures of grace outlined in scripture such as;

“All grace” - 2 Cor.9:8

“More grace” -James 4:6

“Great grace” - Acts 4:32-33

Grace is **God’s ability to do what we cannot do ourselves** and applies to all areas of life including victory over sin, miraculous works, financial abundance and physical deliverance. The Apostle Paul was the primary revelator on the **grace of God**, and as a result he manifested a very great measure of that grace in his life and ministry. His revelation can be summed up in two key phrases, **grace is all you need** (2 Cor.12) and **all the grace you need is available**, Hebs.4:14-16.

Paul gave us the main key to obtaining increasing measures of grace in our lives, as did John the Baptist when he said, *"He must increase and I must decrease"*. Paul's very name reveals the same key in its meaning, "little". We must become ***small in our own eyes*** in order to obtain grace in increasing measures as the modern day company of apostolic people. The Lord Jesus walked in the revelation of ***total dependence on Father God*** as indicated when He said, *"I can of mine own self do nothing"*. Recently while mentoring a young former Marine and decorated soldier of the Iraq war, I shared how that we must learn a ***change of pace*** in our walk with God because most of us are used to ***running full speed ahead*** in life. This young man is a ***warrior*** who is highly trained in personal fighting skills and military combat, he is not used to ***doing nothing***. Now that he is learning to walk with God, a change of pace is required so that he may learn to be *"led by the Spirit"*. God's pace is ***stop***, or *"be still and know that I am God"*. Slowing down is hard to do and usually doesn't happen until enough frustration occurs from walking out of step with Him. As we learn to be *"crucified with Christ"* stillness comes into our spirits whereby we are always ***quiet*** before His Presence which is aglow in our inner man (holy of holies). A ***dead person*** is very quiet and still, they have ***stopped all movement***.

Another term that describes this "total dependence on God" is *"humility"*. Paul told us to come boldly to the *"throne of grace"* to receive mercy and *"obtain grace in time of need* (for every need)". The designation, *"throne of grace"* is revealing in that it is customary to ***bow before a throne***, approaching the King in humility. It is therefore necessary not just to ***pray for grace***, but to come with the proper attitude of humility and service. The early apostles had great humility as is indicated by Paul's greetings to the churches where he refers to himself as *"Paul, a servant of God, called to be an apostle"*. He remained "little" in his own eyes and maintained the attitude of a servant which is humility, as a result he had access to all the grace he needed to finish his assignment and conclude his life at his own discretion. I believe restored apostles will have undergone the greatest levels of ***breaking*** and will have ***come to a stop*** before God in total dependence and humility. They can therefore manifest the greatest grace and be an example to the body of Christ on how to obtain and walk in the grace of God, having supernatural ability that is more than enough for the times we live in. *"Where sin abounds, grace abounds the more"*.