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### **1 Peter 5:10**

*“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”*

We’re turning to the book of **1 Peter, 1 Peter chapter 5**. And here’s a powerful, powerful, Scripture. It says in **1 Peter 5:10**; *“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus after you have suffered a while make you perfect, stablish you, strengthen you, and settle you. To Him be glory and dominion forever and forever, amen.”*

Now that’s the title of this message: **“THE GOD OF ALL GRACE.”**

Now my subject is: **“THE GOD OF ALL GRACE.”**

It is God who called us. That’s what it says here; *“He called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus.”* It is God who will keep us after you have suffered a while. He’ll make you perfect.

It is God who will sanctify us. *“He will stablish you, strengthen you, and settle you.”* It’s God who will glorify us and it’s God who will get all the glory for what He does. *“To Him be glory, dominion and power, forever and forever.”* For it’s by His grace that we’re saved. It’s by His grace; Paul said that, *“I am what I am by the grace of God.”*

What I’m saying to you today is this, that our redemption, our salvation; call it whatever you want to, our deliverance, our eternal life, our transformation and translation from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God’s dear Son, is all of God and all of grace and not because of

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anything we've done, have done, are doing, or shall do, for it's of grace and grace alone, all of grace from its origination to its consummation, *"Salvation is of the Lord."*

He purposed it and He executed it. *"It pleased God to make you His people. It pleased God that in Christ should all fullness dwell. It pleased God to bruise Him."* It's of God in its application. It pleased God to reveal Himself to us.

It's of God in its sustaining power; *"We're kept by the power of God through faith."* We're kept by the grace of God. And it's certainly of God in its consummation, in its ultimate perfection because; *"He will raise our vile bodies and make them like unto His glorious body."*

It's all of grace, grace in the beginning and grace in the present and grace in the future. Every step we take is ordered of the Lord and by His grace.

You see; the old timers and the old writers use to talk a lot and write a lot and preach a lot about prevenient grace. Most folks today in churches do not know what that means, prevenient grace. But I'll tell you what it means, prevenient; it means going before, preceding any human actions, preparing the way, grace before grace.

That's right! Before revealed grace there's grace purposed. Before redeeming grace there's grace that plans it, purposes it and gives us Christ as our Surety.

You see; our Lord spoke a parable. I want you to listen to this very carefully; listen to me. Our Lord spoke a parable; He said, "A sower went forth to sow and as he scattered the seed, some fell by the wayside, some fell on stony ground, and it sprang up but it died soon because there was no root. Some fell among the thorns and it sprang up in the thorns and briars choked it. But some fell on good ground and it bear fruit some thirty, some sixty, some hundredfold."

The disciples came to Him and said. "What do you mean? What does that parable mean?" He said; "The sower who went forth to sow is the Son of man. And the seed is the Word of God, the preaching of the Word of God, like seed, it's scattered, it's sown; wherever it's heard that seed is sown."

And He said, "The different grounds represent people who hear the preaching and hear the Word, and hear the Gospel. Some of them are like the wayside, hard, fallow, unbroken, and the seed just lays there on top of the ground and the birds in the air come and take it up, it bears no fruit. But as the seed is sown and the Word is preached; some fell on stony ground, it had no depth, no root. But it sprang up for a moment but after a while the sun came out and because it had no root it didn't reach down into the water, it was just on top of the soil. It died, withered and died. This is people who just hear it for the moment, passing fancy, or something. And after a while the cares of the world and the things of the world just destroy the Word."

He said, "Some fell among the thorns and it sprang up but the thorns choked it, that's the cares and deceitfulness of riches and materialism and all these things that people get busy about, these other things, and don't have any time for the things of God."

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But you know, He said, “Some of the seed, when the Word is preached; it fell on good ground, good ground and it bear fruit, some thirty, some sixty and some hundredfold, but all of it bear fruit.”

Well where is this good ground? *“There’s none good, no not one. There’s none righteous, no not one.”* Man’s not good. What is this good ground? I’ll tell you what it is; how came this ground to be different?

This ground’s been plowed. This ground’s been harrowed, been broken up. It’s been prepared, that is prevenient grace, prepared for the seed, going before the seed, preceding any human response or action. God prepared the ground.

And that was true of Abraham. Abraham was 75 years old before God called him. Abraham didn’t know God. Abraham lived in an idolatress country. He was an idol worshipper with his father.

Abraham didn’t know God but God knew Abraham. And God prepared his heart. And when God came and said; *“Abraham; get out of your father’s house and away from your father’s feet to a land I’ll show you.”* And Abraham obeyed and went out.

God almighty prepared his heart for the Word. God knew him, God called him, God lead him out, and God took him out. But he responded when the Word came because God almighty prepared Abraham to receive that Word.

God said to Jeremiah; listen to this in **Jeremiah 1:5**, the Lord said to the prophet Jeremiah; listen to this; *“Before I formed you in the belly I knew you. Before you came out of your mother’s womb I knew you and I sanctified you and I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”*

God’s grace made Abraham be different. God’s grace made Jeremiah to differ. God’s grace made Noah and Moses to differ. *“Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord”* when God first spoke to him about the flood and long before that.

I tell you this is true; all of you can say and this is to believers; I’m talking to believers, all of you can say; “Lord, before thy hands had made the sun to rule by day, or before the earth’s foundations were laid or before you fashioned Adam’s clay, what thoughts of love and mercy flowed toward us in Christ our Lord.”

**“Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be  
Lord let thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wondering heart to thee.**

**Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love**

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**Here's my heart; take and seal it  
Seal it for thy courts above**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer  
Hither by thy help I'm come  
And I hope by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home."**

Grace, all of grace, grace in its origination, grace in its execution, grace in its application, grace in its sustaining power, and grace in its ultimate perfection, all I was, am, and ever will be. It's by the grace of God. *"Who makes you to differ? What do you have that you didn't receive?"*

Now I want you to listen carefully to me and I know not many of you will do this but I wish you would; I wish you would get a pencil and paper. I'm going to give you seven things. I'm going to talk to you about the grace of God, about the God of all grace.

And if you'd get a pencil and a piece of paper I'll give you seven words that applies, seven words about grace that applies to every believer listening to my voice, old, young, man, woman, whomever, seven words about God's grace, the God of all grace, the grace of God toward us.

**First of all:** There's God's covenant grace!

Did you know that the word covenant is in the Bible over 300 times? God is a covenant God. He made a covenant with Noah, made a covenant with Moses. He made a covenant with Abraham.

There's an everlasting covenant which He made with His Son when He gave Him a people and made Christ a Surety of those people and guaranteed the salvation of those people from before the foundation of the world. It's an everlasting covenant.

And David, *"A man after God's own heart,"* David, sweet psalmist of Israel, David, son of Jesse, David the king of Israel lay dying. He was 75 or 80 years old. I don't know exactly how old he was but when he was dying.

And do you know what he said? The last words David said on this earth, the last words; it's found in **2 Samuel 23:5**, David said; *"Although it be not so with my house; God hath made with me an everlasting covenant ordered in all things and sure. This is all my salvation and all my desire."*

David was dying and David took comfort in that everlasting covenant of grace, covenant mercies, and covenant grace.

You know **Hebrews 13** talks about; *"The blood of the everlasting covenant."* Paul rejoiced in the eternal grace of God, he said; *"God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world."*

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That's right; he wrote to the Thessalonians and said; *"I'm bound to give thanks for all of you brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto He called you by my Gospel."*

But before you ever heard the Gospel God chose you. That's right! *"I'm bound to give thanks to God always for you because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, whereunto He called you by our Gospel."*

How long has God loved His sheep? He's always loved them. He said, *"I've loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I've drawn you."* That's why God has drawn you, because He loved you.

**Romans chapter 9:11-13**; listen to what God says about Jacob. We're sons of Jacob. We're called, *"Sons of Jacob."* *"For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth; it was said unto her, the elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. the elder shall serve the younger."*

Oh, covenant grace, everlasting grace, and everlasting love: *"I've loved you with an everlasting love. I chose you before the foundation of the world."* I gave you to Christ, covenant mercies. That's right, grace before grace.

**Secondly:** There's God's preparing grace!

Somebody called it, "Formative grace." What is formative grace? Well, when something is formed, it's molded, it's shaped, and it's prepared. God almighty orders all of our steps, all of our lives, by His good providence, to bring us to that desired goal; that's the salvation of our souls.

In **2 Timothy chapter 3:15** Paul said to Timothy: *"From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures that are able to make thee wise unto salvation."*

"Timothy, that faith in you, goes out first in your mother and in your grandmother. And ever since you were a child sitting on their laps you've known the Holy Scriptures that are able to be used of God to make you wise unto salvation."

I'll tell you this, every step that Joseph took, Joseph that young boy whose brothers despised him and cast him into the pit, but every step from that pit by way of Potiphar's house, by way of prison, by way of suffering, many years, every step from that pit to the throne in Egypt was ordered by God.

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That's formative grace, that's preparing grace, and that's molding grace. God's goal and objective was to take Joseph to the throne and God predestinated every step he took between that pit and that throne over all those years.

And Joseph finally had his brothers gathered in front of him and he said: *"What you did to me you meant for evil; God meant it for good (all things work together for good to them who love God, who are the called according to His purpose)."*

You believers; nothing in your life has ever taken place by accident; it's all purposed, programmed by God almighty. Each step; *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, ordained of God."* That's formative grace.

**Thirdly:** There's restraining grace!

Do you know anything about restraining grace? David was fleeing from Saul. Now listen to this, listen, listen carefully; David was fleeing from Saul. David, anointed of Israel, king of Israel, but he was fleeing from Saul. He had a few good men with him, a small army.

He requested a man, a rich man, in a large community; he requested food from that man. Nabal was his name. Nabal turned him down and David got angry. And David was strong and mighty, a mighty warrior with mighty men.

He got angry. He grew very angry. And he told his men; he said, "Buckle on your swords. Get your spears. We're going down to that village and we're going to kill every man, every father, every son, every baby boy, every male. We're going to kill every one of them."

And they started and they were met by this woman, Nabal's wife Abigail who knew God. And she stopped David. She said, "David, (she came to him and restrained him) don't do this, don't do this. Don't go to that village and kill all of the children and all of the fathers and sons and men because of this evil man; God will avenge you, God will avenge you." And David turned back and he said to her; he said, *"Abigail, blessed be the Lord God who sent you to me this day."* Who sent her? God did, restraining grace. "Hold it David."

David gives vent to his oppressions and anger and his terrible hatred and God says; *"No you don't."* How did God do it? He sent a woman. "God sent you to me and you kept me from shedding blood and avenging myself with my own hand." I'm talking about restraining grace.

And I'll tell you down through your lives and my life God has restrained us, put a hedge about us, even when we didn't know Him. Where would you be and what would you be if God had not restrained you, if God had not kept you, even when you didn't know Him?

Somebody wrote a poem one time:

**"Determined to save me  
He watched over my past**

**When I was Satan's blind slave  
And sporting with death**

**Though dark was my way  
He was my guide  
No folk could destroy me  
Because my God will provide**

**The heirs of salvation  
I know from His Word  
Shall never see death  
Till they see their Lord."**

Restraining grace, kept, that's right! There's a sheep of Christ out there right now, plenty of them listening to my voice. You haven't come to Christ yet but you will. If the Father gave you to Him you'll come.

If He died for you, you'll come. His Spirit will call you. You'll hear the Word. And God will keep you and restrain you and order your steps until you come in faith, broken and believing on Christ.

I don't know when it will be but it will be. It says; "*Whom He foreknew He predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son: Whom He predestinated He called. Whom He called He justified: Whom He justified He'll glorify.*"

**Fourthly:** God's regenerating grace and calling grace!

**2 Timothy 1:9;** listen, Paul's writing from prison to young Timothy; he said, "*He saved us and He called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began.*"

Have you been called? He called you, He called you. "*He hath saved us and He called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.*"

"*Zacchaeus; come down.*" He passed Matthew at the receipt of customs, "*Matthew follow me.*" He met James and John down there with their father Zebedee fishing, James, and John; "*Follow me, I'll make you fishers of men.*"

Our God calls His people. He calls them. It's an irresistible call. It's an invincible call. It's by His Spirit, by the power of His Spirit. It's by His Word, the life-giving Word. It's by the preaching of His Gospel: "*It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe,*" the preaching of the Word, regenerating grace and calling grace.

**Fifthly:** Then there's God's sufficient grace!

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I love this, God's sufficient grace. And some of you believers right now need this. You're lying on your bed right now in a hospital room or at home. Your heart's bad, you're so weary. You hurt and so depressed.

Listen, Paul was given a thorn in the flesh. God gave it to him, a messenger of Satan to buck him lest he be exalted above measure. But God sent trouble to the apostle Paul. And Paul said, "I prayed; three times that God would take it away. And He said to me; "My grace is sufficient for you, my grace is sufficient for you: For my strength is made perfect in your weakness."

Will you hear me? Every trial; I'm not one of these preachers that promises you no problems, no trials, no suffering, no hurt. Yes sir; in this world you're going to have tribulation. You're going to have fiery trials. You're going to have trouble. "*He that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer.*"

But every trial and every difficulty in the life of a believer is ordained of God. The heavenly Father brings our trials our way. And these trials and troubles are for our good to teach us patience, to give us comfort, the strength and faith to reveal faith, to wean us from this world.

And these trials are for our good and for His glory to work His purpose for us and in us. But along with the trial He has promised to give us grace, all the grace we need. And it's sufficient, it's sufficient grace.

He giveth more grace. What's that song?

**"He giveth more grace  
When the burdens grow greater  
He giveth more strength  
When the labors increase**

**To added affliction  
He addeth His mercy  
To multiply trials  
His multiplied peace."**

Oh, His love has no limit. His grace has no measure. His power no boundary and known unto men. For out of His infinite riches in Jesus He giveth, He giveth, and giveth and giveth for grace is sufficient. Huh?

Job said: "*He knows the way I take. And when He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold.*" Would you hang onto that, **Job 23:10**; "*He knows the way I take. And when He has tried me I shall come forth as gold.*"

**Sixthly:** Keeping grace!



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Believers will never perish because they are kept by the power of God. *“But the God of all grace who hath called us, (chosen us, and called us and redeemed us) by His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, He’ll make you perfect. He’ll stablish you, strengthen you, and settle you. He that hath begun a good work He’ll finish it.”*

### **Seventhly:** Dying grace!

A man said to Spurgeon one time; “Brother Spurgeon, I don’t have dying grace, I just don’t have dying grace.” Spurgeon said, “Well, are you dying,” and the man replied, “well no.” He said; “You don’t need it. You don’t need dying grace if you’re not dying.”

When you come to die God will give you grace, dying grace. That’s right! He’ll make you weary of this life and weary of this road and weary of this path and weary of this world. But when it comes time you’ll say with Paul; “I’m ready to go. The time of my departure is at hand.”

And Paul looked at the past with no regrets; he said; *“I fought a good fight. I kept the faith.”* He looked at the present with no complaints. He said; *“I finished my course.”* My life’s over. My race is run. My course is accomplished. I’ve graduated.

“I have no complaints. I have finished my course and look to the future with no fear. Henceforth; there’s laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous Judge will give to me in that day and not to me only but to all of you who love His appearing.”

Oh I could go on talking about His grace, grow in grace, giving grace, forgiving grace and dying grace. But the God of all grace who hath called us and given us life in Christ Jesus will establish you and perfect you.

But it will all be by grace, *“Not of works, lest any man should boast!”*