

GRACE INSTEAD OF GRACE

Scripture Reading:

John 1:1-3, 14-17

REVIEW

- Last week we saw the process in Eph 1:3-6 how God has provided to undeserving sinners all spiritual blessings in Christ
 - The Father loved us by sending His Son to Earth – Jn 3:16, I Jn 4:9-10
 - The Son fulfilled the Father's love for us by laying down His life for us – I Jn 3:16

REVIEW (continued)

- The Father's love came to us through an aspect of His love – kindness – I Cor 13:4, Rom 2:4
 - **His kindness –**
 - sweetness of temperament which causes the sinner to be at ease, and
 - **Provides grace -**
 - love directed at an unworthy object AFTER God's righteousness and holiness have been satisfied – Eph 2:7
 - Therefore, God's love provides salvation and His grace applies salvation – cf Eph 2:8
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INTRODUCTION

TODAY we want to understand the different
emphasis of God's grace

BEFORE the sacrificial death of Christ and
the emphasis of His grace

AFTER His finished work on the cross

GOD'S GRACE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- His grace was earned by a relatively small effort on the part of the OT believer, compared to what he received
 - Prov 3:34 "...to the lowly..."
 - Ps 84:11 "...to the that walk uprightly..."
- God's grace was said to be found by individuals (who were already believers)
 - Noah – Gen 6:8
 - Lot – Gen 19:19
 - Moses – Ex 33:8-15 (4x)
 - Gideon – Judges 6:17
 - David – Acts 7:46

GOD'S GRACE IN THE O.T. (continued)

- **OT believers earned blessings, BUT NOT salvation!!**
 - Cf Abraham – Gen 15:4, Rom 4:1-4
- OT salvation was by **UNEARNED** grace

ALL OF GOD'S GRACE AFTER THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST

“(NT) grace, instead of (OT) grace”

- Jn 1:16-17

- Rom 3:24-26

- No works required anymore for salvation (past-present-future tense)

- Eph 2:8-9

CONCLUSION

God's complete unmerited favor has been extended to us out of the source of His love, to provide us ALL spiritual blessings, in the heavenlies, IN CHRIST!"