

THE PEOPLE OF GRACE

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Introduction

We are **laying a biblical foundation for the Grace of God**. Our ultimate destination is the 'Makarios Position' – a life under Grace – which Jesus calls the Blessed Life in the Sermon on the Mount. Every waking moment administrated by Grace! As opposed to a life curated by self and ambition. We established that Grace is firstly, **a Person whom we identified as Christ**. Therefore, **Grace is Relational before it is Transactional**. To know Grace to know Christ. Secondly, **Grace is a Mystery**. Therefore, it cannot be known or apprehended by reason or logic of the soul but **by the Faith only**. Faith is the Habitat in which Grace exists and flourishes. We access measures of Grace incrementally – Grace upon Grace – through our growing capacity of Faith – Faith upon Faith.

Today, we address another doctrinal position...**Grace is a People**. Therefore, **Grace FLOWS in Community and not in Isolation or Solitude**. Grace thrives in the Corporate setting and stagnates in a Divisive environment. It is like the embers or wood in a fire. It burns brightly when together and loses heat when separated.

1. The Church Community is the Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:27, 'Now you [all] are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.' [NIV]

Colossians 1:17-19, 'He [Christ] is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And He [Christ] is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.' [NIV]

Ephesians 4:14-15, '[Connected to Christ] Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.' [NLT]

The end goal of the Church is for the Body to grow up into the Head. In other words what is in the Head must be in the Body until we cannot tell the difference. Remember when Jesus said that the Son of Man has no place to lay His head. I do not think he was making reference to a pillow or a bed. Because He said that the birds have their nests and the foxes have their holes that they can call home. However, Christ did not have a compatible Body for His Headship yet. **Ephesians 4:12b-13**, 'the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith & in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.' [NIV]. **What is Christ full of? Grace!** Of His Fullness we have received Grace upon Grace! **The Church which is the Body of Christ is to grow into that same stature of Grace to Govern!**

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2. The Body Grows by what Each Joint Supplies

There is a Supply Chain Management for Grace! God deposits all His Fulness into Christ and from Christ into His Body made up of many members or Joints. When those joints which carries Grace supply the body there is growing up into maturity, strength and perfection.

Ephesians 4:15-16, 'But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:¹⁶ From whom [Christ] the whole body fitly joined together [Fitter & Turner] and compacted [reinforced] by that which every joint supplies, according to [by] the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes the increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.' [KJV]

When we as members/parts/joints in the Body of Christ operate in the grace that has been given to us, we build up/edify/strengthen the Church in its quest to be Graced like Christ. We become a joint that supplies. Grace is not packaged with preservatives. Manna does not stay overnight – it must be distributed and consumed in that day. We must become suppliers of Grace!

3. Synergy is the Power of Corporate Grace

Synergy is a mystery! No one can explain the science behind it, but it is real. Synergy happens when two or more items are combined and their combined effect is greater than the sum of the individual items. For example, a single horse can pull about 3000kg; a combined unfamiliar pair – 10 000kg; and trained pair – 14 000kg; highly synchronized pair, 23 000kg. This is the hidden power of oneness! This is what can make a marriage or a partnership that is synchronized so powerful! For this reason, God had to shut Babel down – unholy synergies are destructive!

Leviticus 26:8, 'Five [Grace] of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred [Gracex20] of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.' [NIV] The math does not add up! It is a mystery!

Matthew 18:18-19, "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

When we are yoked together in agreement heaven is at our disposal. Oneness pools the resources of Grace together and produces an open heaven. Be very weary of inciting fights, arguments and contentions... **James 3:16**, 'For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.'

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Conclusion

The Corporate Connection is a very Powerful Resource. We are shaped as individuals in the corporate environment we are raised in. Our identity, character and worldview as individuals are the product of prevailing environment. When Saul was in the company of the prophets, he began to prophesy.

I said all the above to get this message across: Discern the Body of Christ. Recognize the Graces that are in the sons of God and Receive them in the name of that Grace. In other words, celebrate that measure of Grace in them. When we do, we will have the Reward of that Grace. How do you recognize a work of Grace? My simple strategy...1. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to evaluate in the Spirit; 2. Observe when a person does something that is not easily accomplished – how does she do that; 3. Take note when he/she does not seem to break a sweat [no struggle/anxiety but ease] in getting something done; 4. Check when something is done with excellence – hallmark of grace; 5. Check if it is done with joy – it is the mood of grace; 6. Listen to who gets the Glory – if it is man it is not Grace; 7. Does it last or a one generation wonder. When you behold the measure of Grace, then covet that Grace!

Christ divests Himself into People – it's called the treasure in earthen vessels. Refuse to live and operate in isolation! We will limit the Grace flow into our lives and the Body of Christ. Connect with people in honour. Despise them, disregard them, discount them and you disconnect from their Grace. Become a joint of Grace! A supplier of Grace to the Body. Do not dig a hole and bury the Grace. One day we must give an account to the God of all Grace. Which parent will celebrate their son or daughter for taking their hard-earned, sacrificial inheritance and squandering it – tossing it one side as if it is nothing.

Grace is a People! Value them and when you do, you will appreciate them! When that happens we will become a house of grace!