

Since, when is what is not worth living for, is not worth dying for?

“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 (NIV)

Grace of God - 3. See the previous teaching, 10-11 March 2008.

“So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to Him who was raised from the dead , in order that we might bear fruit to God.” Romans 7:4 (NIV)

Wherever the Spirit of God leads you, the grace of God will keep you. Grace works more in obedience and obedience works righteousness in the Believer’s life. In other words, grace abounds more and more in righteousness. **Psalm 45:7.** Justice enhances obedience and righteousness to enable grace to abide in the Believer’s life. **Psalm 45:6-8, John 15:7-10.**

Acts 10:38 shows us that the Lord Himself was busy effecting lives, working night and day to serve the Father until the Father called Him home after offering Him as a sacrifice, to die for what He lived for. He obeyed unto death. **Philemon 2:1-11** The grace of God enables us to obey promptly without reservation.

Since, when is what is not worth living for, is not worth dying for? Jesus died for what He lived for. What are you living for? If Jesus comes now, will you say you are satisfied with the way you have lived your life? Also, will you say you’re satisfied with the way you’ve served Him? Whatever it is, there is still room for improvement. You only have to take a decision to go in the positive direction.

5 - Serve: Grace enables us to work more than our natural strength can take us. Hear Paul appreciating the Lord’s salvation, call and his own commitment to God’s grace:

v.8 “....and last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

v.9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

v.10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not *without effect*. *No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.*” 1 Corinthians 15:8-10.

Grace gives us supernatural ability to do the work of God even our own business better than our natural skill can do.

6 - Prayer: Just like service, the grace of God enables us to pray beyond natural ability especially in praying the mind of God. It's by God's grace that we can receive rhema from God. Even to understand when God speaks by signs, it takes His grace.

7 - Forgiveness: It takes the grace of God to forgive others especially when you are deeply hurt, persecuted or wrongly accused in your relationship with them or concerning your faith.

8 - Love: When it comes to agape, i.e sacrificial love, it is the grace of God that can make us to love those who despise fully use us. Rom. 15:1-3, 1 Cor. 16:14

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, abide with us forever. Amen.



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