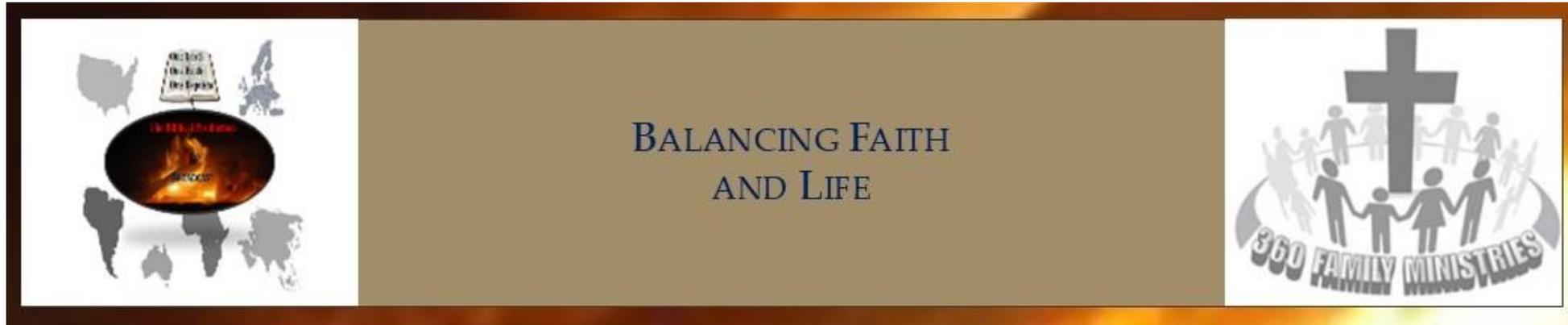


REDEMPTIVE GRACE



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REDEMPTIVE GRACE (A CRY FOR ATONEMENT)

1. “For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ” (**Romans 5:17 (ESV)**).
2. Paul admonished the Corinthians not to accept God’s grace and then waste it. (See 2 Cor. 6:1.)
3. “And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: ²³ Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴ So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life” (**Genesis 3:22-24 (KJV)**).

THE BLOOD OF THE PASSOVER

1. As we consider the Passover Lamb (Jesus Christ) and how his blood is yet paying the price for the sins of the world we ought to become as the psalmist and praise him with our whole heart in true worship. "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name" (psalm 111:9.)
2. God will always be mindful of his covenants...God cannot forget His words, and His words will never change.

GRACE BESTOWED
(2 COR. 12:9; PHIL. 1:7)

And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. **Ephesians 1:19-23 (ESV)**

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) (**Ephesians 4:7-10**). (**ESV**)

THE KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST

1. Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. **John 18:36 (KJV)**
2. The disciples needed instruction to help them understand the true nature of God's kingdom. They needed a divine understanding of the mystery that had been hidden through the ages--the church in general, and specifically, Christ living in His church. It would be their responsibility to form the very foundation of the church, and it was a new concept to them. When Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to the disciples

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1. When Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to the disciples they wondered if this would usher in His literal earthly kingdom. The disciples were not completely misinformed, for Jesus had spoken about a liberal earthly kingdom (Matthew 19:28; Luke 19:11-27;22:28-30).
2. One day Jesus Christ will establish an earthly kingdom that will last for one thousand years. He did not rebuke them for their question, but instead focused their attention on the immediate task of the spiritual. He commanded them to remain in Jerusalem and wait expectantly for the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist had prophesied about the future baptism of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33).
3. Jesus also spoke of the coming of the Spirit (John 14:16-18,26:15:26-27: 16:7-16). When the Spirit come upon them, they would be endued with the power of God, enabling them to accomplish His will. The ten days the disciples spent in the upper room in Jerusalem tarrying for the promised Spirit must have been a time of deep contemplation and meditation. Their discussion must have centered around the recent events and the post resurrection words of the Lord. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost, they were ready vessels. The Spirit baptism was the crowning experience of their new relationship and responsibility.

GRACE FOR GRACE

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. **John 1:16-18 (ESV)**

“those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, that he should live on forever and never see the pit” (**Psalm 49:6-9 (ESV)**).

