

The Exceeding Riches of God's Grace
(Ephesians 2:1-9)

Introduction:

1. From these verses we learn some valuable information about God.
 - a. From vs.4a we learn that God "*is rich in mercy.*"
 - b. In vs.4b God's "*great love*" is mentioned.
 - c. We read about God's "*grace*" in vs.7-8.
2. Today we are especially interested in "*the exceeding riches*" of God's grace mentioned in vs.7.
3. In our lesson we are concentrating on 3 of these exceeding riches.

Discussion:

- I. FIRST, "SALVATION" IS ONE OF THE EXCEEDING RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE (Ephesians 2:1-9)
 - A. According to vs.1a, Christians have been "*quickened*" [made alive].
 - B. The spiritual condition of those who are outside of Christ is revealed in vs.1b-3.
 - C. We learn from vs.4-9 that we are able to experience salvation because of God's mercy, His love, and His grace.
 - D. Specifically, God's grace saves us when we are raised with Christ.
 - E. The details of being raised with Christ are explained in Colossians 2:12-13; Romans 6:3-4; Titus 3:3-7.
 - F. God's grace saves us when we comply with the conditions of salvation that are revealed in the Scriptures.
 - G. The works that will not save us are the type mentioned in Luke 18:11-12.
- II. SECOND, "INSTRUCTION" IS ANOTHER OF THE EXCEEDING RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE (Titus 2:11-14)
 - A. In addition to bringing salvation, God's grace teaches us how to live.
 - B. God's grace teaches us to deny "*ungodliness and worldly lusts*" (vs.12a).
 1. God's people are to be holy (1 Peter 1:13-16).
 2. God's grace does not give His people freedom to sin (Romans 6:1-2).
 - C. We learn from Titus 2:12b-14 that God's grace teaches us to "*live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world*" while we look for the Lord's return.
- III. THIRD, "SUFFICIENCY" IS ANOTHER OF THE EXCEEDING RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE (2 Corinthians 12:1-10)
 - A. Paul talked about an experience in vs.1-6 that could have cause him to be filled with pride.
 - B. To prevent this from happening, Paul was given "*a thorn in the flesh*" (vs.7).
 - C. Paul asked the Lord in vs.8 to remove this thorn.
 - D. The Lord responded in vs.9a by stating that His grace was "*sufficient*" to sustain Paul.
 - E. Paul showed in vs.9b-10 that he had learned to trust in God's grace for strength.

Conclusion:

1. We have examined 3 of the exceeding riches of God's grace, including "salvation," "instruction," and "sufficiency."
2. According to Ephesians 2:7, the best is yet to come.
3. Have you responded to God's grace through faith?