

Let Us Avoid Falling from Grace
(Galatians 5:4)

Introduction:

1. This morning our lesson was based on the special request that is made in Hebrews 12:28 -- *"let us have grace."*
2. We showed:
 - a. what grace is
 - b. how we become servants of God through grace
 - c. how we need God's grace to serve Him faithfully in His kingdom.
3. This brings us to our lesson for this evening -- because we need God's grace, "let us avoid falling from grace."
4. Let us begin by showing how . . .

Discussion:

- I. THE BIBLE CONTAINS MANY WARNINGS AGAINST FALLING FROM GRACE
 - A. Hebrews 3:12-14
 - B. Hebrews 4:11
 - C. 2 Peter 2:20-22
 - D. On the basis of these warnings, let us examine . . .
- II. SOME THINGS THAT CAN CAUSE A CHRISTIAN TO FALL FROM GRACE
 - A. "Tribulation" (Matthew 13:5-6, 20-21)
 - B. "Seeking to be justified by the law of Moses" (Galatians 5:1-4)
 - C. "Loving the world" (2 Timothy 4:10a)
 - D. "Erring from the truth" (James 5:19-20)
 - E. "Leaving the first love" (Revelation 2:4-5)
 - F. To remain faithful to the Lord, Christians must guard against being overcome by things such as these.
 - G. Let us turn our attention to . . .
- III. SOME INSTRUCTIONS THAT WILL PREVENT FALLING FROM GRACE
 - A. "Run the Christian race with patience, keeping our eyes focused on Christ" (Hebrews 12:1-3)
 - B. "Resist Satan" (James 4:7b)
 - C. "Develop the Christian graces with diligence" (2 Peter 1:5-11)
 - D. "Remember that the Lord is able to keep us from falling" (Jude 24)
 - E. "Endure tribulation, knowing that a crown of life awaits those who are faithful" (Revelation 2:10)

Conclusion:

1. The Bible teaches that a Christian can fall from grace.
2. Let us:
 - a. heed the warnings given in the Bible against falling from grace
 - b. beware of things that can cause us to fall from grace
 - c. practice these instructions that will keep us from falling from grace.