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Reading: Psalm 107

### Gods Amazing Grace

Grace is being given something good that we do not deserve. In this psalm there are four type of people who benefit from God's grace. This psalm outlines the grace of God and his dealings with people. It refers to those who have been redeemed. From the four corners of the world God is gathering a people for His name. Those who have been saved and delivered. When the Lord shed His blood at Calvary He dealt with the question of sin. Every person could be in the company of God's redeemed. The work of Christ on Calvary is sufficient for everybody. All can be saved - Just one condition:

“Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21).

#### 1 - Wandering People

Are you hungry, thirsty or searching?

Are you searching but unsatisfied?

People are looking for more but finding no satisfaction.

The Lord met a woman at a well who had had five husbands and was looking for fulfilment in relationships but still was not satisfied. She had a form of religion but did not have Christ. He said, “I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). The one thing that is missing in everyone's life is a relationship with God. The Christian life is worth living - Life with a capital “L”.

Life without God is just an existence. So many people have no purpose in life. They do not know where they have come from or where they are going. Life is not meaningless. If you trust Christ as your Saviour He will give you a purpose and direction.

Nothing is certain or secure in this world but Christ gives you security. Christians are going to a place where no enemy can ever reach them. “I give to my sheep eternal life” (John 10:28)

Are you spiritually hungry or thirsty?

The Lord Jesus said, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35). This is an offer for everyone tonight. We have all wandered away but God's grace extends and He looks to bless. “Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).

#### 2 - Rebellious People

Why is the world in a state tonight?

People have rebelled against God. Men and woman have decided they know what is right and have chosen a pathway of sin over God's way. Sin brings darkness. Dark is uncomfortable. Sin brings us away from the light and away from God's presence. The shadow of death is hanging over us.

“minds blinded” - so we cannot see or reach the light.

We get the idea sin is fun. It can be but it is not fun forever and it can bind us and we cannot break free. Sin deceives us.

Is there hope for rebels?

Yes, God's grace extends to rebels. None can help except God. When He died at Calvary He died for

you and me. He died for rebels and so that we might be forgiven. He did not have to pay the enormous price He did pay. He took the punishment for our sin.

“Translated from the power of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son” (Col 1:13).

For the Christian death holds no unknown. We may fear the dying but not the death.

“O death, where is thy sting” (1 Cor 15:55)

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen from the grave. Death takes Christians from here to His presence.

Believers do not need to sin, they still fail but are no longer slaves to sin - freedom is ours.

How do we get freedom?

Cry to the Lord

3 - Foolish People

People who have got themselves into a complete mess. Society would say they have made a mess of their own lives and there is no hope for them.

The Bible says that a fool is someone who thinks they can live without God (Psa 14:1; 53:1) “The fool has said in his heart there is no God”; those who plan for the future without thinking of God are also fools (Luke 12:20).

Are you a fool according to the Bible? Are you living your life with no thought of God?

You can have a new beginning with God. This is what is meant by “new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

4 - Little Boat in the big sea

The sea is unsettling. God raises the storm, the people do not know where they are going or what to do. They realise how fragile life is. Consider where you are going and that one day you will answer to God.

Awesome majesty of God who we will face on a future day. He can make the storm calm.

Is your life turbulent?

There is peace to be found in Christ.

“My peace I give to you” (John 14:27)

Have you found satisfaction in Christ?