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Faith alone in Christ alone

Greetings again to you from all of us here at Grace Evangelistic Ministries. We continue to give thanks to God for His matchless grace which He showers on this ministry. We also thank Him immensely for using His children as vessels through which He has poured financial blessings on Grace Evangelistic Ministries. What a great God we have. One who cares, provides, directs, leads and protects His children. He is everything to His saints.

That goes for you too. There is not any problem that you have had in the past, have at the present, or will have in the future that escapes His omniscience (all-knowing). He knew all your problems and failures in eternity past. He made suitable provisions for each one of them. The truth of the matter is, if God should care for the sparrow, and He does, and if He should know the number of hairs on your head, and He does, would it not be reasonable to conclude that He cares for you too -- His child? "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you" (I Peter 5:7). The option to cast your burdens on Him is always yours. You may wish to drop the entire load on Him and be sweat-free, or you may elect to carry it and continue to sweat from head to toe. The latter is not His desire or plan for you. Indeed He cares.

As a missionary-oriented organization, we continue to assure our supporters that our objectives remain unchanged: evangelize the unbelievers with the clear gospel message and follow up with those who have responded positively. Then we would assist them by providing them with sound Bible teaching on tape or in literature. We would also find and train doctrinal pastors who would continue to provide them with sound teaching from the Word of God.

Therefore, as we follow the leadership of our great God, we want to let you know that there are unlimited seats on our airplane. You may want to join us in any way the Lord may direct you as we endeavor to glorify Him -- the worthy One.

In His Marvelous grace,
Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko,
President

A REFLECTION OF GOD'S GRACE IN SALVATION

By Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko

Do you know that one of the most difficult subjects to understand in the Bible is grace? Ironically, the word, "grace," in my opinion, is used more frequently than any other word in the Bible. Both believers and unbelievers use this word. It can be found in music, in prayers and in everyday conversations. It is also the least understood concept in the Bible. Theologians have wrestled with one another over the biblical doctrine of grace. Many churches have been shattered and have separated because of disputes over the role of grace in the church. Denominations have been formed solely based on their decision to be "for" or "against" grace. In fact, some ministers have refused to speak to other ministers who do not share their opinion on grace. Even husbands and wives have different views about grace. So we can see that grace is a very complex subject. Think for a moment about the words to a familiar song: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound . . . "Truly grace sounds sweet to our ears, but does its truth register in our right lobes?"

Undoubtedly, the believer who has a measure of understanding of God's amazing grace enjoys His provisions more abundantly. This person realizes that He deals with him not on the basis of who he is or what he does but on the basis of who God is. Therefore this individual rejects any attempts to impress God with his deeds and efforts. Instead he gratefully embraces all that God is able to do for and through Him because of His unique Son, Jesus Christ ([Grace News Today](#), "Doctrine of Salvation," Volumes 1-5).

Think about the following analogy: imagine that you have worn only one piece of clothing since birth and it has grown in size as you have. One day you realize that it has become a "show and tell" of your life. There are milk stains from learning to drink as a baby. There is a spot of gravy from when you tried to hide your food and pretend that you had finished your dinner. There is a blood stain, probably from a fight with a neighbor. There is evidence of vomit on your clothing from the morning after a drinking binge. Now as an adult the clothing is becoming quite dirty with the layers of "life" that you have experienced. Then one day you are invited to a party. The invitation includes instructions on proper dress. Only those wearing white, spotless robes will be allowed in at the door. You realize that there is no way that you can go to the party. However, on the day of the party, as you are coming out of the shower, you see a young man leaving, wearing your piece of clothing. You look around for something to wear and find a white, spotless robe laying over the chair. You pick up the robe and put it on, wondering at its cleanliness. Then all of a sudden you realize that you can attend the party! At the party you have a wonderful time. An older gentleman at the party asks you, "Where did you get your robe?" As you try to explain, you catch a glimpse of the young man you had seen earlier. He was still wearing your clothing but he was standing outside the door to the party. Obviously he was the one who was supposed to be at the party, not you. Still speechless, you can only point to the young man outside the door to answer the question. Irritated, the gentleman asks you the question again, this time in a louder tone, "What did you do to get your robe?" Exasperated you yell in response, "Nothing! I didn't do anything to get this robe! I don't deserve to be here!"

That was the correct response. You did not deserve to be at that party. Similarly, every one of us has a heavy coat of sin ([Romans 3:23](#)), are cursed ([Galatians 3:10](#)) and are separated from God ([Isaiah 59:2](#)). This has been our condition from birth ([GNT, Volume 2](#)) and there is nothing any human being can do about it. In fact, the righteousness of the most respectable person on earth is like a menstrual cloth in God's sight ([Isaiah 64:6](#)).

Nonetheless, God did in time invite every one of us to come to Him through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. He has made two requirements for entrance into Heaven: first, anyone who desires to come must remove their heavy coat of sin, and second must put on God's robe of perfect righteousness. However, there is a problem. The coat of sin is too heavy for any human being to remove. One might then ask if God is asking for the impossible. Yes, He is. But the good news is that the One who is asking the impossible will accomplish the impossible Himself. He made a way to remove the coat of sin and give us His robe of perfect righteousness without our helping Him.

How did God accomplish this impossible task? By sending His Son, who was without sin ([II](#)

[Corinthians 5:21](#)), to be judged for our sins. ". . . Behold, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29b). Because He did this He is able to remove our coat of sin when we come to Him through faith in Christ. You may wish to pause for a moment to think about the following question: What did we do that brought Christ down from His throne in Heaven ([II Corinthians 8:9](#))? We disobeyed God and sinned. Another question you may ask yourself is, in what way did we help Jesus to be a substitute on our behalf? You may want to take a piece of paper and write down "yes" or "no" in response to the following questions: Were you wrapped in cloth and placed in a manger with Jesus Christ at His birth ([Luke 2:7](#))? Did you fast for forty days with Him in the wilderness while He was tempted by Satan ([Matthew 4:1,2](#))? Were you arrested with Jesus Christ while He was abandoned by His disciples ([Matthew 26:50](#))? Were you by His side when He received his sentence for the cruelest punishment in the history of man ([Matthew 27:11-26](#); [Mark 15:2-15](#))? When the Roman soldiers skinned Him alive using whips with pieces of bone, did you volunteer to take half of the lashes ([Mark 15:19a](#))? What about when they spit on Him ([Mark 15:19b](#)) and mocked Him ([Mark 15:31](#))? Did you defend Him? Did you share in His pain when He was nailed to the cross? When God placed the sin of the entire world on His shoulders and He screamed, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?", which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'" (Mark 15:34), did you scream too? Lastly, when Jesus Christ sighed, ". . . It is finished. . ." (John 19:30) and died, did you die with Him? Count the number of "yes" and "no" responses. If you have zero "yes" responses, then you scored 100%. Is the word "grace" starting to ring in your ears? Is its meaning starting to sink into your right lobe? Why did Jesus Christ have to go through this mess? First, so that He could remove the heavy coat of sin, and second so that you and I might have the opportunity to wear His "robe of righteousness." He met God's requirements for the payment of sin.

Where did the exchange of the heavy coat of sin and the robe of righteousness take place? At the cross. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree (cross), . . ." (I Peter 2:24a). He took that which did not originally belong to Him -- the heavy coat of sin. In exchange, when we believe in Him, our coat of sin is removed: ". . . as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalms 103:12). Then we are given God's robe of righteousness. "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe" (Romans 3:22a).

At this point, let us set the record straight. Now that you have a glimpse of God's grace, tell me what you did to obtain salvation? If your answer is "nothing," then it means you are beginning to understand grace. Salvation is obtained only one way. That way is "faith alone in Christ alone" ([Galatians 3:26](#)). The apostle Paul beautifully summarizes it this way: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9). Now, you can finish your song if you so desire. "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toil and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun."

You shall know the
truth, and the truth
shall set you free.
JOHN 8:32

Doctrine of Salvation

by Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko
(continued from [volume four](#))

"I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere Him" (Ecclesiastes 3:14). Whatever God does cannot be changed. Whoever God holds in His hand cannot be lost ([Psalms 121](#)). "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28). God's work is also perfect ([Deuteronomy 32:4](#)). The sad part is that many believers do not know God's Word; therefore they do not know God. However, the one who wrote Ecclesiastes 3:14 did. He had no doubt in his mind about the integrity of God.

The apostle Paul echoed this: ". . . for the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29). This means that God's gifts cannot and will not be withdrawn under any circumstances. Can you think of a gift that God has given to you? ". . . the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23b). From this verse we see that one of God's perfect gifts is eternal life. This gift is given to anyone who believes in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us replace the word "gift" in Romans 11:29: "For the perfect gift of God to anyone who believes in Christ Jesus is eternal life, and it is irrevocable." This means that the moment a person believes in Christ Jesus, God gives him a free gift -- eternal life. This gift shall belong to him forever (Ecclesiastes 3:14).

In volume four, we examined the ministry of God the Holy Spirit as it related to salvation. We mentioned His sealing ministry administered at the point when a person has "faith alone in Christ alone." This sealing ministry of God the Holy Spirit is one aspect of Bible doctrine that, when properly communicated to and understood by a believer, eliminates fear of losing one's salvation.

THE SEALING MINISTRY OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SALVATION

"In Him [Jesus Christ], you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation -- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13). The Greek word *pisteuo* is correctly translated "believed," and it is used in the perfect tense. Therefore it means, "having put" or "fixed one's trust" in someone -- in this case our Lord Jesus Christ. It is also a completed action verb. For example, many years ago I put my entire trust in Christ Jesus, at which time I was sealed with the Holy Spirit. The Greek word used for "sealed" is the verb *sphragizo*, and it means, "to stamp with a signet or private mark for security or preservation." It is notable to remember that in ancient times, one's seal or stamp or signature was irrevocable. No matter what. When interpreting the Bible, the context in which the verses were written must be taken into account. Therefore this verse means that believers are sealed with God's signet for eternity.

It is interesting to note that archeologists have discovered thousands of "seals" in their excavations dating back to the fourth millennium B.C. They were used throughout the ancient civilized world from Mesopotamia to Rome.¹

These seals were made of a variety of hard substances and of different shapes.² These seals had many different uses. They were used as a mark of authenticity and authority on letters and royal commands ([I Kings 21:8](#); [Esther 3:12](#); [8:8-10](#)). The seals were also used as a mark of the formal ratification of a transaction or covenant, as when Jeremiah's friends witnessed his purchase of a piece of property ([Jeremiah 32:11-14](#)). They were also a means to protect books and other documents so that they would not be tampered with ([Jeremiah 32:14](#); [Revelations 5:2,5,9](#); [6:1,3](#)).

I love the phrase "would not be tampered with." This is exactly how believers should view God's seal on their salvation. No one can ever remove a believer from the omnipotent (all-powerful) hand of Christ Jesus ([John 10:28](#)). Nothing will remove or separate a believer from the love of God ([Romans 8:38-39](#)). Therefore, the sealing ministry of God the Holy Spirit becomes the protective signet of God. This is evidence of God's grace.

The fourth purpose of a seal was to serve as proof of deputed (delegated) authority and power ([Genesis 41:42](#)). The fifth use was to ensure that unauthorized persons would not enter a specified area ([Daniel 6:17](#); [Matthew 27:66](#)).³ An example today would be the yellow tape that reads, "Do Not Cross" at a crime scene. The final purpose for the seal was as an official mark of ownership ([Revelation 7:2-4](#)).

One demonstration of the uses of the seals can be found in the book of Daniel, chapter six. The story is about a young believer by the name of Daniel who had made extraordinary achievements in a foreign land. Daniel's co-workers were envious of his success and tried to destroy him. These cut-throat co-workers decided on a plan to get rid of Daniel. "All the commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects and satraps [subordinate rulers], the high officials and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lion's den. Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.' Therefore the king signed the document" (Daniel 6:7-9).

Talk about hypocrites! These co-workers spoke to the king as if their motive was to encourage everyone to worship the king, whereas their true intent was to harm Daniel. However, Daniel was not disturbed by the new law nor did he let it prevent him from praying to and worshiping the true God (Daniel 6:10). In verses 11-15, Daniel was caught violating this new law in his daily communion with God and he was brought before King Darius for judgment. Now the king loved Daniel very much and he tried to deliver Daniel. But it was to no avail. Even when he discovered that the new law was actually a conspiracy to destroy Daniel, he could not save him. Why? Because the law which he signed was irrevocable (verses 8,15). The king was forced to uphold the law and gave the command to throw Daniel into the lion's den (verse 16). A stone was used to cover the den (verse 17a). ". . . and the king sealed it with the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing might be changed in regard to Daniel." (Daniel 6:17b).

Let us apply this to our lives today. For example, Stephanie X. has legal ownership of a piece of land. Gloria Y. wants to buy this piece of land. Stephanie agrees to sell the land for, say, \$15,000.00. Gloria agrees on the price and a legal document is drafted:

"Stephanie X., the primary owner of a piece of land located at Westhiemer, hereby transfers her ownership of the land to Gloria Y. for the amount of \$15,000.00 on this day, Sunday, June 22, 1998."

Signed: Stephanie X. Date: June 22, 1998

Name of former owner: Stephanie X.

Signed: Gloria Y. Date: June 22, 1998

Name of acquired owner: Gloria Y.

Witnessed by: Katie Z. Date: June 22, 1998

Katie Z.

Witnessed by: Pam R. Date: June 22, 1998

Pam R.

Witnessed by: Julie C. Date: June 22, 1998

Julie C.

Notarized by: Virginia L. Date: June 22, 1998

Virginia L.

My commission expires May 15, 2000.

Now it is official. This land, which formerly belonged to Stephanie X., now belongs to Gloria Y. forever. From this day on, no matter what Gloria does with the land, Stephanie has no part in it. There is no law that could enable Stephanie to retrieve the land. It has been sold. The legal document was sealed by Stephanie's and Gloria's signatures. Case closed.

The question troubling many believers is this: how does a person know that the contract between him and God, made when he believed in Christ, is final? The only place to find the answer to this question is in Scripture. "For all the promises of God in Him [Jesus Christ] are 'Yes', and in Him 'Amen'" (II Corinthians 1:20). This verse means that God can never break a promise. The apostle Paul continues with, "Who [God] has put His seal on us and given us the Spirit [Holy Spirit] in our hearts as a guarantee" (II Corinthians 1:22). "In Him [Jesus Christ] you also trusted after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also having believed you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who [Holy Spirit] is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession to the praise of His glory" (Ephesians 1:13,14). This is the eternal contract:

"I, God, hereby purchased you (anyone who believes in Christ) with the precious blood of my unique Son (through His spiritual death on the cross) ([I Peter 1:19](#)), and sealed you with the Holy Spirit, which is my protective signet" ([II Corinthians 1:22](#)).

Signed: Invisible signature Date: January 1, 1984

Name: The Omnipotent God

Signed: Henry O. Date: January 1, 1984

Name of the believer in Christ: Henry O.

Witnessed by: Invisible signature Date: January 1, 1984

The unique Son of God -- Jesus Christ

Witnessed by: Invisible signature Date: January 1, 1984

The Holy Spirit

Witnessed by: Invisible signature Date: January 1, 1984

The elect angels

Witnessed by: No signature Date: January 1, 1984

The fallen angels

Notarized by: God Date: January 1, 1984

My commission never expires.

If God decided to break this contract and revoke His gift of everlasting life, it would not only violate this law of sealing, which is irreversible, but it would violate His integrity. Thinking that God would do this is to say that God could alter His perfect integrity. This thinking is tantamount to not only arrogance but to blasphemy as well. However, knowing that this gift of eternal life can never be revoked is not a license to live without regard for God or man. For divine discipline from the supreme court of Heaven is still applicable ([Hebrews 12:5-11](#)).

God is perfect and His work is perfect. He is the One who initiated salvation by means of His grace. He is the One who purchased you through His Son ([I Peter 1:18,19](#)). He is also the One who sealed you with His Holy Spirit ([II Corinthians 1:22](#)) and the One who keeps you by His power ([I Peter 1:5](#)). With this in mind, meditate on the following verse: "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling [falling], and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen" (Jude 24-25).

To be [continued](#) . . .

¹⁻³ Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary; Zondervan Publishing House, 1964.

Testimonies & Gratitude to Our God

We thank God for using His children as vessels through which He continues to provide financial assistance to this ministry. We thank Him for those who have devoted their time in prayer to support the ministry. We also want to thank Him for answering our prayers by providing the money to buy the audio tape duplicating machine for the believers in Africa.

Here is the Truth

Can a person be saved by keeping the law? God has provided His answer to this question in His Word. The apostle Paul adamantly answers this question: ". . . nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law; since by the works of

the law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16).

Letters to Grace Evangelistic Ministries

We would like to share some of the letters from our supporters with you.

Dear Moses and staff,

It is such a pleasure and refreshment to our souls to have another "GRACE" voice sounding in the wilderness. Thank you!

God's Word never returns void, so go forth in confidence and truth -- He will reap the harvest.

Love in Christ,

Franklin, North Carolina

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries,

We recently received our second newsletter (the one for March) from you. My husband and I rejoice at hearing so much truth objectively communicated. Thank you for providing this sound teaching of God's Word to the people of Cameroon and Nigeria. We consider it an honor and privilege to participate in this ministry. Our prayers continue on your behalf.

In Christ,

Hilltop Lakes, Texas

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was privileged to pick up a copy of "Grace News Today" at our church. I was thrilled with what I read therein.

I would appreciate being put on your mailing list and receiving at least one copy of each of the materials that are available.

Thank you,

Stayton, Oregon

Dear Sirs,

Our Pastor-Teacher read to the congregation excerpts from your newsletter "Grace News Today." If you are truly commissioned to take the truth of the gospel and of Bible doctrine to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness then I am interested. Your newsletter gave some hope that you are not the average missionary team.

Many sincere missionaries take Christianity mixed with religion and standards from spiritual death to those they minister to. They believe they are righteously serving the will of God but are "ignorant brethren."

Human good linked to evil dominates people enough already. I've no interest in furthering the propagation of that goodness which deceives and enslaves millions. I am not a good man and cannot help anyone to be good. I believe none are good but God. Christ, our Lord and God is our only connection to goodness and righteousness. He is all-sufficient, and He cares for His own, who hear and obey Him. For them, He turns every problem to advantage, every suffering to blessing. My family and I are interested in receiving your newsletter.

Respectfully,

Frankfort, Indiana

Duplication and Distribution of Doctrinal Audio Tapes

There have been a tremendous number of requests from African people, ranging from individuals in the secular world to pastors, for R.B. Thieme Jr.'s literature and audio tapes. And the numbers are increasing. The cost of mailing these materials to Africa is so high that many requests are never fulfilled. Therefore we want to establish an Audio Duplication Center in Africa to meet these requests. We believe in the importance of making available sound Bible teaching to every person regardless of race, color or origin.

Budget Sheet

Estimated Costs for Audio Tape Duplication Center in Africa-1998

1. Facility rental	\$62.50
2. Facility utilities	\$100.00
3. Personnel salary	\$450.00
4. Office supplies	\$100.00
5. Postage costs	\$450.00
6. Blank cassettes	\$1750.00
	<u>\$2912.50</u>

Two-Month Financial Report

I. Source of Funds	April/May	'98 YTD
Offerings and Contributions	\$7838.00	\$23,404.00
Bequests	0.00	0.00
Total	\$7,838.00	\$23,404.00
II. Budgeted Expenditures		
Foreign Missions	\$4,430.00	\$9,380.00
Publications (Production)	1,950.00	10,150.00
Publications (Distribution)	1,000.00	1,309.00
Administration	4,357.14	13,557.14
Telephone	340.00	745.00
Total	\$12,077.14	\$35,141.14
III. Actual Expenditures		
Foreign Missions	\$0.00	\$1,234.00
Publications (Production)	2,043.41	6,318.70
Publications (Distribution)	2,215.63	2,215.63
Administration	2,938.25	9,896.50
Telephone	89.85	354.59
Other	1,019.60	1,219.51
Total	\$6,954.84	\$21,238.93
IV. Contributions Less Actual Expenses		

Contributions	\$7,838.00	\$23,404.00
Actual Expenditures	\$6,954.84	21,238.93
(Deficit) or Surplus	\$883.16	\$2,165.07

Financial Policy

Grace Evangelistic Ministries does not solicit funding. We believe that God in His grace will continue to meet our financial needs as they arise.

We do not charge for books or audio tapes. No money is requested. Anyone desiring to receive our books, tapes or other spiritual materials can receive them at absolutely no cost.

When gratitude for the Word of God and understanding of the need to reach the unsaved souls with the simple grace gospel and sound Bible teaching motivate you to contribute, you have the privilege of giving and sharing in the dissemination of the Word of God. This is a grace ministry.

Bible Doctrine for Thought

"The Death of a Believer"

". . . absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord" (II Corinthians 5:8b). When a believer dies he enters his eternal home where, "He [God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away" (Revelations 21:4). "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). Paul was not afraid to die because he already knew what death meant, "absent from the body and face to face with the Lord" (II Corinthians 5:8b). When [Philippians 1:21-25](#) is carefully examined, one can see that Paul really did not want to die yet. And why is this? First of all, Paul, as the custodian of the mystery doctrine, had not finished his work. How do we know this? "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14). Now if Paul had abandoned God's plan for his life and started living in sin, it is possible that God would have terminated his life suddenly.

"For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live" (Romans 8:13). "The fear of the Lord adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short" (Proverbs 10:27). This means that Paul would have arrived in Heaven without hearing the anticipated, "Well done, my good and faithful servant" from the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Paul also would not have received the "crown of righteousness" (II Timothy 4:7,8).

But Paul wanted to finish the job given to him by God in grace ([I Corinthians 15:10](#)). By the time he wrote the book of Timothy we can see that his job was done and he was ready for his reward. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day -- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing" (II Timothy 4:7,8). Ironically, only a servant who has obeyed His master's commands eagerly awaits his return.

As for me, I am not afraid of death, but I do not want to arrive in Heaven having come short of glorifying God here on earth. What about you? Do you have the same concern? You may want to take a moment to meditate on this question.

The Good News

When our Lord Jesus Christ was on the cross, He had you on His mind. There was never a sin committed that was not poured out on Jesus Christ on the cross ([I Peter 2:24](#)). He endured all afflictions so that He might pave a way for you to have life more abundantly through Him. Regardless of how

sinful you have been in the past or are now, you can be forgiven and your slate wiped clean by God. How? By telling God right now that you are believing in His Son, Jesus Christ. The moment you put your entire trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will automatically become a regenerate person before God forever. The Bible says, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Will you believe in Him today? Or will you reject Him? The decision is totally up to you.

Would You Join Us in Prayer?

As we pray. . .

1. That God would protect Moses as he travels to Africa in June.
 2. That God will provide financial support to meet our monthly budget.
 3. That God would continue to provide spiritual nourishment for the audio tape groups in Africa.
 4. For our supporters -- that God will continue to meet their needs as they arise.
 5. That God will continue to lead us in the right direction.
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A Note to Our Supporters

Grace Evangelistic Ministries will be printing our newsletter on a bi-monthly basis for now. If you wish to be on our mailing list to receive this bi-monthly newsletter or other materials that are of spiritual value, please write to the following address:

Grace Evangelistic Ministries

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Nashville, TN 37217-7246

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