The Masterpiece of Grace in Ephesians – 6 Pastor Jesse O'Dorisio – September 28, 2022 Bible Text: <u>Ephesians 1:6</u>

Living Waters Tabernacle – 09-28-22 The Building of the Masterpiece of Grace in Ephesians – 6

Alright, tonight God willing we're going on in these wonderful unsearchable riches of grace to us, more of the Masterpiece of Grace in Ephesians. And we thank the Lord as we entered into this, we saw it's because we have been blessed. We have been blessed, we have been blessed with all spiritual, WITH ALL spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ, and Oh how thankful, thankful we are that this is God, and this is His word, this is His truth, this is His grace, and this is our reality. Thank You Jesus. 00:40

Now reading from verse three, blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ according, or just as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of His will to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Now we're going to stop there, and we'll hit it tonight. Praise God, we are chosen in Him, we've been predestinated in Him and now here we go, here we go in verse six. He hath made us, another saying that's done, done, done, done. He finished it, He hath made us accepted in the Beloved, and I thank God for that, don't you? I thank the Lord that's done. I'm thankful to God, I have peace with Him because of His Son.

Now, brothers and sisters all because we are to be, we are to be the recipients of the praise of glory, oh yes we are the recipient of it. I want you to go back now to Romans 8:18 and let's read about us once again to be the recipient of the praise of this glory; this is marvelous. The word of God tells us that Christ in you, the hope of glory. God help us to truly, truly embrace that, and truly come to enlightened eyes of understanding of the immensity of what we are in Him, and in verse eighteen it says, for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of all of creation waits for the manifestation of the mature sons of God. There it is and this is what this masterpiece of grace is all about. This is what by the grace of God we thank Him for tonight, believing God and His grace, and His mercy. Again, He is the potter, we are His workmanship. He's the one that we are created in oh thank You God, thank You God.

Now brothers and sisters it says here that the glory that shall be revealed in us, and that glory is the hope of all creation, it's awaiting. Everything's waiting, it don't realize it's waiting, but it's waiting. It don't realize it's groaning, but it's groaning. He will make known to all as He said that I have loved you. What does that mean to you, it's everything? Everything, does it mean everything to you that very God of very God will

make known to all that He has loved you. Oh hallelujah, oh hallelujah. Now brothers and sisters everything was made praise God to praise that glory, to praise His glory; His glory that shall be reveled in us. Always remember that all glory is Him. All glory praise God is Him, but we thank the Lord that that glory praise God because of grace is causing all of His glory to be revealed in us. That's why I want to take all that grace because His grace is all His glory. And if I take all that grace praise be to God I'm growing and changing from glory to glory into what? His image, praise the Lord, and to be like Him, fully like Him to be filled with all the fullness of God, amen? Oh, and I'll tell you what, He is the fullness of God.

But to be filled with all of that unto the very measure, and stature, and fulness into that perfect man like Him. Praise God. And it's all because of the purpose of His grace. You understand that, that's all because of the purpose of His grace. I was made for that, I was built for that, chosen for it, predestinated for it for the purpose of His grace. Happy is the man that trusts in the Lord; happy is the man. So, remember this, it was the purpose of His grace from beginning to start this whole thing off before anything happened, it was always about us in Christ, the purpose of His grace. Once again, everything flowed from there. Everything that ever happened, everything that will happen is all for that. That's the immensity of the love that Christ has for you, and it is. It is too much but isn't that really what God is supposed to be? As He continues to reveal Himself, you know how people say well you know, they might have a thought of God oh He's so vast, and so immense, yeah He's so immense but the immensences of God is how immensely He can love with us. That's the beauty of God.

That's the thing that blows me away about God, it's His absolute desire, His ravished soul is about me, it's about you. And I thank the Lord, so what we have praise God is incredible of what we have been made in Him. So, He has made us and we thank God once again another it's done, and He made us accepted in the Beloved. Now that means that He's made us, endued us with honor. He has endued us with special favor. Now let's go back and hear that again. It means that He has endued us with honor, He has endued us with special favor, and we are lavished with love. Praise God. Lavished, He just keeps pouring it on, and pouring it on, and pouring. Don't you find Him that way? All because of grace, and always because of all grace. Oh yes praise be to God. 08:32

Now, brothers and sisters we are the Shulamite, we really are, you know that. That wasn't written about somebody else, that was written about you, that was written about me, He was writing about us in Christ in beginning, and we're lavished, lavished with love as we receive the full grace, this love lavishing message of grace. And I thank the Lord that we are embraced by God the Father with the same love, with the same love as He does with His Son; equally with Him. Let's go back and read from John Seventeen. John Seventeen Verse Twenty, how beautiful, how beautiful. John 17:20. Jesus says, neither pray I for these alone meaning His disciples, alright the one's that He's speaking to there. But for them also which will believe on Me through their word; here I am, here you are. We're those ones that will believe on Him through their word, amen praise be to God, this

is us. All the hair on your body should be standing up, here's Jesus talking about you again, thinking of you, can't get you off of His mind. And what does He say here? That they all might be one; oh, is the word doing a mighty work in that, amen? As Thou Father that they might all be one as Thou Father are in Me, and I in Thee that they also may be one in us. So, do you see the oneness that He wants us to have with one another in Christ?

See, how we started out tonight knit together in love, praise be to God that's exactly what He's after, praise His name, and He's doing a mighty work by the power of the Holy Ghost. So, it says that the Father art in Me, and I in Thee that they also may be one in us that the world may believe that Thou has sent Me, alright? And the glory, listen to this which Thou gavest Me I have what? Have given them. Well, we sure did hit glory didn't we, hallelujah that they may be one, even as We are one. Do you see why we need to change from glory to glory into His very image? He wants this oneness. That's why this oneness praise be to God we're becoming so much more aware of it. And it's getting tighter, we're getting more compacted and fit praise be to God together, and it's marvelous this knitting and weaving of love. And the reason is that they may be one even as We are one. I in them and Thou in me that they may be made perfect in one. Oh ho, He's really after this oneness isn't He praise the Lord. And that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hath loved them praise be to God, Oh, isn't that just marvelous, as Thou has loved Me.

So, let's read that one more time, I in them, and thou in Me that they may be made perfect in one and that the world may know that Thou has sent Me and have loved them as Thou has loved Me. There's no different, there's no different; this is what? Our precious Saviour oh my blessed us with, and hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Now, we really need to listen to these words, amen? They're not words just to feel good, this is God's truth, this is God's word. And we say often I want to stand on God's word, well stand on God's word, believe God's word, don't waver. We don't need to waver, we don't need to be rocked to and fro, we don't need to go around being doubtful of the assurances of God. The love praise the Lord is equal, it's the same, to the same degree of affection, and acceptance, and desire all because of Jesus. All because of the love of Jesus, and all because of the love plan of God that puts the life of His Son in us, and that's the truth. 13:20

Now, let's get this. We read here as we started out there is verse six, it says He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. Got two words there, made and accepted. Do you know they're the same word in the Greek? He's saying the same thing twice. You're highly favored, and you're highly favored. It's exactly how that translates; you're highly favored, and you're highly favored praise be to God. So highly favored praise be to God, and isn't that amazing we didn't become highly favored, what? We were made highly favored. You see how you didn't earn a thing? Do you see how in Christ it's done? Do you see how much we should just be praising Him always, and only for His grace, and this marvelous mercy upon whom He has mercy, that's you, that's me. I thank God for this, this is so far

beyond, and it is not even worthy to be compared of you hitting the largest lotto there's ever been ever. It's even stupid for me to even utter it, but somehow, someway it's got to be through the foolishness of preaching that somehow these things get through, but it's the truth. 14:53

This is absolutely the truth, we were made that, we were made a double portion of this highly favor; I believe that. I'm here preaching this. That's the evidence of it, we're here by the grace of God rejoicing, this is our fellowship, this is what we have and praise the Lord, I rest in Him and what He's made. You know, I don't wrestle with Him all day long, well I don't know about that sun, is it going to stay up there, and what's it going to do huh? You say well He made that you know? How about not wrestling about me; what He made you in Him, in Him, in Him? Are you not wonderfully and fearfully made? See, Jesus in you, you just stick. You, He needed you. As He told us He said, I forgave your inequities for My sake; He gave it all up to have you, and it wasn't even worthy to be compared to Him what He gave up to have you because this is what the Father and His plan. Did you see the treasure?

And I'm inspired of the Holy Ghost to see what His grace is doing, and how pleased is our God and how joyful He is. This world is such misery, the throne of God has never been more excited and elated. Oh, thank You Jesus. Isn't that wonderful to see it right in the word of God? Thank You Lord. So, He's made us a double portion of His highly favored, and He favors us continually because He pursues us with all grace. He never lets down in that, does He? If we'll go in and go after the word, it's nothing but grace. It's always that, and it's the more grace, and its grace for grace isn't it, amen. So, as He continues to tell you and God help you to help me if I'm ever going to try to figure out something else, It couldn't be that easy. The simplicity that's in Christ, I don't want to mess that one up and I can't, but I sure can be messed up if I don't just believe it because it is. It is just incredibly, amazingly simple. It's all ours, that's how simple this grace is, and so that's highly favored. And once again, all of that brothers and sisters was done, accomplished before anything was made. Doesn't that just give you; I mean don't you; I mean you have it but doesn't that allow you to enter in truly the peace that passes all understanding? 18:38

All done, all done, all done, okay now I'm going to; we'll have time, we'll make time now. Before time was it, He made time you know. So, I'm going to roll this out, okay now this cherub, this devil, here we go and he's going to exalt himself above Me, and I'm going to cast him out. All of that after. All about after. Now we're walking today through what? the before good, ordained works that we should walk therein. All that beginning, all that in Christ, all that part of grace is perfect; the purpose of grace, all of that done and then everything proceed from there. I think how many times in growing up in the Lord I got in somehow conversations I thought were the enemy and were going to talk to him about this and that, but that's just dumb. I just needed to be in the scripture and just continue to let the word of God testify to me; understand you dumb devil? You were made after all of this, after all this was done, after I was made in Christ, all of this, then that was me. Just look at the sequence of what He's put out there huh. I think, I'll tell you what we're going to enter into a rocking chair of grace someday, I really believe it. 20:40

Now, before anything was made brothers and sisters we are the double portion of grace highly favored in the Beloved, and that's in the agape love. That wasn't no phileo stuff, He was going right after the intimacy of intimacy right from beginning. Now, this truth in its fullness brings us into the understanding kind of what we just been talking about, we understand that all things are ours; all things are ours, amen? I thank God He made everything for us. I'm into that agreement with Him, and I'm in agreement with the bridal covenant that He has given us; He has given us, He has given us everything of His, He has given that to us. Everything, there isn't anything He's holding back He jointly shared, and He jointly reined to be jointly glorified together. We are separated from nothing of His, nothing. We participate in everything with Him, we are not just included but we share in the fullest degree in everything that He will ever do, perform, experience, order, on, and on, and on praise be to God, and I thank the Lord for it. I'm not going to be an observer; praise be to God it's going to be together with Christ.

Now, this gets really sweet here, there's only one other time in the bible you find this word, or that's used for made and accepted one other time. One other time, that word is charitoo, made and accepted. It means endued with honor, endued and highly favored. The only other time you find this word in the word of God you have to go back to Luke Chapter One. So, turn on back there. Luke Chapter One Verse Twenty-eight is the only other time you find it. And it says there in Luke One Verse Twenty-eight. This is the angel speaking to Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art*, here it is, highly favored, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women. Let that just kind of settle in there. One other time it's a pretty significant time isn't it praise the Lord. I believe that that was great, great grace. So, brothers and sisters I think of this, the degree of favor that we have been selected for, the degree of fruitfulness that we have been selected for fruitfulness; yes, she was, and it was beautiful. It wasn't anything to do with her, it was just highly favored, it was great. 23:55

It was great, great grace, and matter of fact as we see here it's endued with it honor and endued with favor. So, we thank the Lord this was the fruitfulness of Mary to bring forth Jesus, but brothers and sisters like I said it was only one other time in the bible, but here it's twice so I believe I can honestly say I got a double portion of this, amen? Amen and someday soon you think about what we're made to receive, the exceeding riches of His grace, and His kindness towards us, the vessels only for the Master's use, what we were made for. Praise be to God. 24:40

Now, highly favored times too, and we'll get back to that thought a little bit about with Mary there in a minute. But highly favored, highly favored, now as we go back and we look at that in verse six it's beautiful, but it's highly favored, and highly favored in the beloved. I mean specifically it's great to put us into. This is specific for this endued with honor and special favor was to bring us into the Beloved. Now that beloved means the agape love, so there's this love praise God that this grace wanted us to share to enter into, to have, to have this fellowship with. And we go back, and we say well who is love? We know it is God, who is the agape love its God, so this is the acceptance or highly favored n a double portion into God's agape heart which is full of love praise the Lord. 25:45

Now, it's more isn't it. See, that's what this is. See, the Lord is always encouraging us honeys, the half has not been told and truly as we continue to enter in the depth is endless. The depths of His love, the exceeding love, what we're entering into more and more all the time is this absolute truth and evidence of the love of the Bridegroom to us, praise the Lord. I can't deny this, thanks be to God, He makes it really oblivious. He's in love with us. You have to intentionally want to miss this to me, to not understand how He truly desires you, and how unusual how He feels about you, you have to intentionally reject. If you study the word of God, this is truly what this is. Brothers and sisters once again He chose us for it this double portion of grace to enter into this fellowship in this agape love; He chose you for that. Thank You Jesus and that's really, that's all that we can say praise the Lord. Amen, thank Him, and so He chose us for it and brothers and sisters once again He predestinated our lives, He predestinated our lives and every event of our lives to put us in praise God this place of fellowship in this love. 27:25

Without every event, without everything about each and every one of us. Our background, our ups, our downs, our short comings, our talent with everything they do. This is how it had to be. Everything about how God again made us in the womb, but then again what God fully made, and made so perfectly for us to enter in with these bodies in these behaviors whether bad or good we have to walk through this life, to be enlightened praise God by the Holy Ghost of this amazing grace. How perfectly, beautifully the Lord has made us. He's put us praise God in this oven of His highly favored love to bask in for one purpose till we are ready and to be made ready, and then praise God the very next thing we'll find that this provision that He's done, He gives us knowledge of it. 28:35

See, He didn't just make us that, this is the beautiful part of what we will grow on to if the Lord tarry is He gives us knowledge of it, understanding of it, wisdom of it. We become wise into this salvation. We understand this salvation with eternal glory. We know Him, we don't just brothers and sisters see things from afar off, we enter in. see, when you know someone, and especially in the biblical know, and the way it brings it out whether it's the Old Testament Hebrew, or the New Testament Greek it speaks in its depth of a knowledge of intimacy, a knowledge between only a husband and a wife. I believe the Holy Ghost has us on the right track, would you not say that? I believe that's exactly what He's doing because that's His purpose. And isn't it just so beautiful as we take the grace to trust Him to go after more grace? This is the evidence of that fruit that comes forth; it's nothing else, is it? It's exactly that, it cannot produce anything but the bride to the Lamb of God. Amen. The lilies don't toil does she? Praise the Lord. 30:27

Now, we're still not done yet tonight, a little bit of a wrap-up here. This lavishing of favor of more grace to us. As it says here in verse seven it says in what He done, He has made us accepted in the Beloved in Whom we have redemption. Because of that in Whom we have redemption here is love, the forgiveness of sins, once again according to the riches of His grace. This is always, and will always be about the purpose of grace, praise God. We're grace's purpose, this is it and thank the Lord for that. It's nothing but Him, and we are nothing but His workmanship. So, it's in the Beloved that is in Whom we have redemption is what it says here. Redemption brothers and sisters, we're ransomed through His blood and we know this don't we because the blood is something that the cherubim never gaze away from; it's always the blood on the mercy seat. It's always Him, it's always the Lamb of God, and that again gives us that understanding the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. 31:51

Once again as if it was already done, and matter of fact it was because He hath made us, and the only way that He has made us in Him is knowing and understanding He is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, praise the Lord. Time came for that, all those things came forth. We live by faith; the evidence of these things grace praise God will have its work. Grace will have praise the Lord its grand performance and it's going on right now. This is grace's masterpiece, hallelujah. All of that, all of that which hath been made, all of that hath been done, here's the evidence praise God of truth and love. Amen.

Now, in the Beloved is in Whom we have forgiveness of sin thanks be to God. But this was not just to save us brothers and sisters. Thanks be to God it did, but it was more. As it reads here in it steps, it means that according to or particularly so, He forgave our sins to receive the riches, and wealth, and fulness of grace. Oh yes, we had to be made like Him. Amen. His life had to be the life that we have lived praise the Lord and to receive the riches, and wealth, and the fulness of grace praise be to God is to receive what He's told us; we have all grace. That's what we have. So, He redeemed us and as the word of God turn on over to Romans Chapter Seven the word of God tells us that He redeemed us from another didn't He? He bought the slave woman who was married to another, but here's what happened to her in Romans Seven praise God verse four. Romans Seven Verse Four. Wherefore my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ that ye should be married to another, even to Him Who is raised from the dead that we should bring forth fruit unto God. Oh yes. So, getting back to Mary, just like Mary she conceived, amen? Or was made pregnant by the Holy Ghost, amen. 34:54

And so are we, we are conceived, and we too have been made pregnant by the Holy ghost to bring forth the riches and wealth, and the glory of the fulness of grace. And I praise God for this tonight, brothers and sisters we are made and accepted. We have been lavished in the love in the Beloved, and in that praise His name we will be because of grace the praise of His glory. I'm happy with that, how about you? Huh? The Lord gave me that before I left, I've just been chopping at the bit praise the Lord. Lord, bring this out by the power of Your might by the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and just to shed that love

abroad in our heart. But brothers and sisters, this isn't used to just get emotional about, it's not to just get a good feeling about, this is what God has done. This is His work, and God help us, let's not wrestle with God's word. Amen? My hips are already sore, I don't want anything thrown out of joint here. Alright, let's stand and be dismissed praise be to God.