

The Building of the Masterpiece of Grace in Ephesians - 1  
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Well, God willing tonight we're going to go on another precious journey, the Holy Ghost taking us on, and as I mentioned the Lord is brought my thoughts for our time here these next Wednesday's, I don't know how many, but I'm praying with you even so Lord come. But this'll be the building of the masterpiece of grace in Ephesians. The building of the masterpiece of grace in Ephesians And encouraged again how God has again been knitting our hearts together in this love, and this grace, and all through the years the line upon line, and the precept upon precept and thanking the Lord how He continues to bring us here, and bring us back, take us on and then bring us in again in continuing to weave this perfect pattern of this completion of His readied wife in our lives. And what we're going to see, I believe because of the faithfulness of God and the enlightened eyes of understanding that we are assured of by the Holy Ghost is that there is always praise God more land to walk through. And I thank God to be filled with all the fullness of God is something that is never ceasing. 01:25 It continues, and so I thank the Lord with you that we can be overflowing in this thanksgiving to God as the Spirit I believe will reveal so sweetly what Paul was given, and what he was given brothers and sister we speak of many times, he was given the more grace. Amen. And the more grace was given to him, and we will read tonight again as the Lord encouraged, and again granted for his life to be the master builder and lay the foundation for all of those that would go on to build thereon to be that masterpiece of grace. 02:08

Now, Paul as we get into this was not the first to find grace; he was not. Matter of fact the foundation of grace was, and always was in the blood. The word of God tells us that it's the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, amen? Well, there's grace, and that grace was just alpha, omega, beginning, end; the Lamb of God from the beginning. We go on into where the Lord made man, right off the bat it says in the word of God that Noah found grace, Jacob found grace, Joseph found grace and remember they didn't find it, they found it in the sight, or in the eyes of the Lord. The Lord was looking at them in that grace, He brought them into that grace, and that was that grace that they found what was freely given to them, and the Lord gave them eyes to see it. He gave them faith praise God to embrace it, again that wonderful foreknowledge of Gold, He foreknew that those would be the ones. It wasn't Noah's brother, it wasn't Noah's neighbor, it wasn't Noah's cousin; it was Noah, and it wasn't going to be anyone else. Oftentimes we think about that in our own lives; Lord, why me? We've all said that. It's a precious thing to understand, and to understand that that truly is such a grace in a gratitude to our hearts but yet we need to move on beyond that in knowing. So many are stuck in the why me as opposed to moving on to it's me, and I understand it's me because of grace, I understand that it's me that He was seeing in love in ages past because my Lord, your Lord says I'll have mercy upon whom I'll have mercy. 04:07

He called us, He chose us praise the Lord; isn't that wonderful? He predestinated, hallelujah and He justified, and whom He justified He glorified, and thanks be to God we're seeking after that wonderful salvation with eternal glory to be glorified together with Him.

We're rolling right into praise God the more grace that was given to the Apostle Paul. So, in that we know that the foundation of grace, the salvation that we know is by grace clearly expressed throughout all the word of God especially as you get to the book of John which again is before Paul. But the book of John we read there in the third chapter for God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son; that's all grace right there. That's every bit of grace that was given at that moment with His Son. We're so thankful that we must be born again, it must be by grace. That salvation we understand is by grace, it is the gift of God, and it is all in His precious only begotten Son; He that is full of grace and truth. Amen. 05:26

So, Paul's gospel of grace, this masterpiece of grace isn't something different, it's something more, oh yes it is. The word of God tells us many times, many ways but maybe not any more direct than in Hebrews Chapter Eleven where it talks about all the worthies of faith; their wonderful, wonderful reward. How precious, and then to be noted in that Hebrews Chapter Eleven, and they again are mentioned, and magnified so sweetly in those thrones, the twenty-four that are around the very throne of God, and they're seen, and they're known as the full overcomers or the ones that are hall of famers if you will of faith in the Old Testament. Yet the word of God tells us very clearly that even though they have such deliverance, and such encouragement, and such promises, and such great incredible things that God had done for them, yet to us we have a better thing. Without us they cannot be made complete, and I thank God. Now, we could say that from the other side and in a way, we couldn't be complete without them because you know what we needed? We needed that cloud of witness; we needed the witnessing of that, we needed those prophets, and those sons of the prophets, and all those ones the Lord had called to write those things, amen? Yes, we did, and we know the Apostle Paul was given. They wrote those things for who? For us, that's the beautiful thing. They wanted to look into them, they wanted to know about those things that they were writing of, they wanted to know the mysteries that were hidden. They weren't dumb, they were grown, and very full grown for that time, for the capacity that God would grow them up in the knowledge they would receive in the grace that they could have and receive. They knew that there was more. 07:25

They surely did, they knew these weren't just stories, this was the divine word of God that they were putting into these wonderful documents, or the skins or however they were written. They knew what was going to be handed down. They asked the Lord to show them more especially Daniel, as Daniel even wept, he said oh Lord let me see, I see that there's more there and God closed that book and says oh Daniel, this isn't for you now son. I thank God for your heart honey, but My will is perfect for your life and this is what you'll have. So, I thank God in that the Lord has given us a better thing, He's given us the Holy Ghost; He's given us the Comforter, the One that's called the Spirit of truth. I'm so thankful that He was with them, but now He shall be in you. And specifically as we know to guide us or lead us into all truth thanks be to God. But there was more that was coming, there was more that was going to be revealed as Jesus said to His disciples, He said, I have many things to say unto you, but you cannot understand them, but now when He the Spirit of truth is come, oh yes He will guide you into all truth. But we thank the Lord for that don't we, praise the Lord. As we read the word of God, and we live the word of

God, and the word of God lives in us, and we walk through it we see those things and it's really become real to us and it's wonderful. 08:51

But yet, I am so thankful as we've heard again recently and we've expressed this for many years in this place, I'm so thankful I'm born at this time. It's a very wicked world, there's a lot of different things going on, but I'm not absorbed in this world. Thanks be to God I know if I were I would go nuts. I could give you so many different opinions you would quit talking to me because boy, what my mind can think about. But I thank the Lord for this new man in a man that grace has captivated to know who I am in Christ, and thanking the Lord that that faith that truly now is beginning to reign in my life and yours as well too. I know where my citizenship is, I know Whom I believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day. And I know He's going to perform the good work which He's begun in us; He's promised that and I believe God, and I'm here with you tonight just to rejoice thanks be to God as He calls us and gives us opportunity to hear the word of God, and be amongst those that love the word of God that were growing up unto Him into all things. We are assembling ourselves the much the more as we see that day approaching. Praise be to God the readiness, the oneness, of those that are dwelling together as His readied wife. 10:14

Now, we thank God, that Paul in this gospel of grace, we know it's something more. And that more we find as we begin reading scripture here in Second Corinthians. We'll go back to Ephesians so you can keep your finger there, but in Second Corinthians we'll begin reading from chapter nine, verse eight and I thank God so many know this and are so thankful to be able to read this and here is Paul expressing this. So many things expressed in that Corinthians, the First Corinthian letter and the second. It's so amazing praise the Lord how God never sized up His people, He went right after them, amen, and here we go, And God. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work. Abound. This is that abounding of super above, abundant, above, beyond grace; that's where we're at. We're at that super huperballō grace and we remember those studies praise the Lord. And they're not just studies, that's the grace that we've been given, it's just that much more, and it's that much more super abounding above the much, the much, the much the more and super abounding even above that you couldn't even grasp how abundant it is, but yet by faith that we can believe that this is the super grace praise God that is required to bring forth the masterpiece known as His bride; the very masterpiece of grace. 11:59

This is the mystery of the more grace brothers and sisters, and that is the truth. If you think about what has been hidden it's the bridal message, that is the magnitude of grace. What is been hidden was that one that one that would jointly rule with Him to be glorified together with Him. What could that ever arise from but the Lord raise? Amen, so we're thankful to God that was what was hidden was this more grace whether it was from the disciples, or the prophets, those Old Testament worthies, but now it is made plain through Brother Paul, the master builder praise God. It was given to him the message, and the plan, and the design which is all grace. Turn on over to First Corinthians Chapter Three. Let's read from there. In verse ten here is the assurance of what was given to the

Apostle Paul that this would be the master plan, the master builder of the magnificent masterpiece of the grace of God. Paul says here in the tenth verse, according to the grace of God. Note, this is always according to grace. It's by grace, it's down from grace, all the power is in that grace. Praise the Lord, thank Him richly tonight and rejoice praise God that that lily does not toil. It's arrayed far beyond that of Solomon. All the riches, all the tapestry; everything that they could create, not one bit of it could ever be clothed like that lily. 13:40

We have a beautiful bird back in the back yard, I'm telling you those little birds, the colors, the bright yellows, the oranges, reds, colors I've never even seen before that God He puts it on them. They didn't toil to have it, they had the seed that was given, they just grew into it, and how they grew is they were watered and fed, and watered and fed, and watered and fed. How beautiful to look at those things, that's how we grow with this precious word of God. But you look there again it says according to the grace of God which is given unto me. Paul was the recipient of the more grace. You think of that, what hit him on that road to Damascus? Son, I circled you out; you, the chief of sinners, the most wretched of the wretched. You're going to try to destroy My ministers, you're going to try to completely obliterate, squash, completely get rid of the word of God. I saw your life in ages past son, in ages past, I saw you in love, I saw you in love that the moment that you were going on that road to kill, to destroy Me, My word and you didn't realize all the time I knew your heart would fall in love with Me. 15:17

The Lord waited all those years as it says there so sweetly, He waits to give us grace. He waited for the moment; oh, Paul was bent all out of shape. He's built up this hatred, he's now on his greatest mission, he's going to destroy them all. That's our appointment, I'm now going to get you and here he was coming down that road seething with hate, seething with everything that was against anything to do with God, and here was grace, and here was more grace, and here was super abounding huperballō grace, and if he was the chief, I know I was second in line. But with every single one of us, praise the Lord this is where this comes from, this is what this is, and it says here the grace that was given to me as a wise master builder. See, we need to become wise in grace; wise to it, wise to the power of it, that it is all powerful. Where sin did abound, grace did what? Much more abound. That's talking to your life too. Always, all those things that are hitting you. 16:59 That's why I can see it, count it all joy when you're in manifold temptation because sin is abounding, but oh my, grace is much more abounding. It's just going forth all the time, it wasn't a one-time thing, it's always for us, and that's that that grace that is always with us. 17:21

That's why Paul said I am what I am by the grace of God that is with me. He said it wasn't me, it was the grace of God that was with me; I am what I am by the grace of God. Lord, let that be our praise, our rejoicing, our thankfulness all the time, amen? Praise God and you just thank the Lord for it. So, a wise master builder, he said I have raised a foundation. Now you'd say wait a second, he's saying he did something. He just laid down grace, here it is, this is what it by the grace of God I can give to you.; I can give to you the message of grace, and the message of grace that I lay down without a foundation is you can't do a thing. Praise the Lord, and in that that you can't do a thing wait to see what He's got for you. Because we're basically just touching right now upon verses one and

two of Ephesians Chapter One, but we will get to, if the Lord tarry, the same study and right there he says we have been blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ. See, that's how God comes out with us, He doesn't want us to even question what we've been given, He does not want us to question His love or His grace that is so unmerited, and so undeserved that already He gave it to us. I've been rejoicing, grace always beats you there. I'm serious, I just was so thankful I have to tell you, Sunday just has been bursting in my heart; grace beat me again. I tried the grace beating, thank the Lord and I just sit there and I smile and I say praise God, these are things that I wanted in my life, these are things that I wanted to come forth in my life, but praise God it was the Lord that did it; grace beat me and that's what's so glorious, is grace is always there. 19:18

Now, he said I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth there upon hallelujah. But it says but let every man take heed how he buildeth there upon. I look at that just like with Joshua, and he said there's more land to walk through, amen? Well, praise God Paul has showed us all this wondrous grace, and we just continue to build on with the grace of God. It's the same truth, it's the same magnificent word and all of that, but it continues to grow. It continues to grow and to get more full, and more wonderful, and more loving. I thank God for that, It's just like in relationships. I don't think real relationships flatline because that's when you just go through the motions with things, you just become repetitive, Real relationships, real love it never stops growing because it grows through lots of things, it's like a tree and roots; sometimes it hits things, sometimes it's got to go around them, sometimes it goes through, but it keeps growing. And those roots keep going down, and spreading out, and all of those different things. Sure, it wanted a clean path, sure it wanted to just go this way, but you know what? It was something that was there, but God maybe always made it return, it, but then whatever it is, and at the end it made it stronger. it's just like a break in a bone and all of those different things, you think it became weaker and they're finding out that when those bones heal like that the patches become stronger. How can that work that way? But God, that's what He could do. I don't want to break my bones but if I did, I'm going to believe He'll make it stronger. But see, that's only what God can do. But it says let every man take heed how he builds there upon. 21:15

Now, Paul's foundation brothers and sisters is the whole council of God; it is, it's the whole council of God. It isn't something isolated from it, it's the whole word of God. And we thank the Lord for this, and in that it includes salvation, it includes the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and you know what, it has to because without the new birth, and without the power of His might my goodness brothers and sisters that's how we have the life and the power to grow up unto Him in all things. You have to have His life; you have to be saved. You have to have the infilling of the Holy Ghost or you'll never have the power praise God, the power of the understanding; enlightened eyes of understanding, and you'll never have the capacity for love. See, it's not just here, it's here. The Holy Ghost expands it all, there's a lot; I'm not going to say a lot, there's quite a few people that know this stuff, but they don't love Him as God. I want to love Him as God. I thank God for the examples that He had in my life. I was rejoicing and thanking the Lord with you know, witnessing to somebody. They're asking me a little bit about coming to pass, and all these

different things, I said let me tell you something, by the grace of God the Lord grew me up in this truth, He gave me one. He could perceive that there was a sincerity of love in my life. A sincerity, he said you know my dad, he loved the Lord, and we go to church and all of that, but you're different. I said it's love, I said it's sincere, there's nothing fake about this. 23:00

It's the greatest for the Lord to work in your life and it's not something you try to do, it's not something you're going to harness and just crank in there and we're going to beat it into you; it doesn't work that way. We respond to love, naturally speaking we respond to love. How much more spiritually speaking will we respond to love? And we've got the greatest love, and really the only love, and the very lover of your soul that if we would open up to that oh my goodness what we can grow into. But I was expressing to ones like Brother Hill, and ones like Brother McLamb, these precious vessels, Sister McGuire, all these different ones that by the grace of God, and the grace of God with them minister to my heart that thank the Lord it is love; that's the difference. That's the ones praise God that love just like you that actually Jesus loves us through. And that's what's so gorgeous about our precious Lord and Saviour. 24:04

Now, as God brings us through this here it says Paul was given for us the message of the high calling of grace. Oh yes, it's the high calling grace. It's grace that's so immense it's the proposal of the Bridegroom to us, that's how immense this grace is; that's how great this grace is, and I thank God that that is why Paul hallelujah it says it all begins when I understand oh wretched man that I am that I truly am the chief of sinners, and such marvelous super abundant grace beyond has been given to me to give to you to build the bride that will reign and rule, and be glorified together that is exalted to the same glory with the great I am, the God of all ages of the universe and beyond, and forever; that's the more grace. That's the more grace. Think of what was ministered to our Old Testament brethren, such a wonderful thing as it said about Abraham, he sought to see the continuing city Whose builder and maker is God, and here we sit amongst the very stones that will be of that city. The very building of the city, the city that by the grace of God tonight, the very inner part, the glory and the light with Him that shall be descending from heaven having the glory of God; that's the grace, that's the more grace. 25:53

Now notice here. I've got this thing talking to me here, I'm going to turn that down. Now notice it is Paul as we go on over to Ephesians now it is Paul that is mentioned here first in in Eph 1:1. Paul. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ for the will of God. Oh, how wonderful. By the will of God to the saints which are at Ephesus. Once again, the word Ephesus means fully purposed. The Lord had drawn, the Lord had prepared these hearts to receive as we've been encouraged over how many decades in here, this is the high-water mark of the word of God. Yes, praise the Lord this lays out the masterpiece of grace. But, Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ. Once again, I want you to see, the name Paul is mentioned first. Paul, an apostle. That word apostle, it means appointed messenger of God. That name Paul, it means little; small praise the Lord, and we thank God that it's that name that is mentioned, praise the Lord to bring forth this masterpiece of grace because once again he was that chosen vessel of grace to magnify that it had to be Christ

alone, and His grace and mercy to bring forth this message, choosing this one who was the chief of sinners. Thank the Lord. 28:02

See, once again man's choice to bring forth this we would look for the most religious, the most holy, the most devout, and all of that. He took the one that was most ungodly, the most hateful. He took the one that truly, he was just incensed to stop the word of God. This is the magnificence of this grace; this is the magnificence of the mercy of the Lord to show us praise be to God this is My choice; God's choice. We always talk about our choice, I'd rather talk about God's choice; that's the choice that matters and I thank the Lord whom He foreknew He predestinated, and whom He predestinated He called, and I thank the Lord in that calling He chose me. He chose me, I've got to quit worrying about what I chose and begin to rejoice in what He chose, do you see that? Grace chose me, grace chose me, grace chose you. Grace chose you because of grace; that's it, circled you out that's what grace did. Grace alone, and it never stops. And then here we are tonight hearing Paul's gospel in this joy that we have, and we're talking about the knowing of all grace, that's there's no limit to this grace to give me everything. Actually, it's already been given; everything's already been given that the Lord had. I have it, we're here, we believe the word of God for this, amen? And because of the holy Ghost this isn't some hard concept to understand. Well, the word of God tells me I have it all. 29:55

The word of God tells me I've been given this, the word of God tells me I did not earn this so once again it's all this beautiful grace. Amen. We are this special chosen vessel with Paul unto the Lord. The masterpiece of grace could only be built as Paul said by my gospel, that's what he proclaimed. I'll tell you what, he was bold to tell that because he was bold in grace. He was bold in the Lord, he was bold in grace, he wasn't bold in what his pedigree was, or what he thought he was, or even in the sense in his calling; his title. He was confident in the Lord in grace, and he didn't need time, he just needed the power of the holy Ghost. And the Lord brought him in very quickly. God gave him wisdom, all of the different things, but he did not mix words, and go right on over to Romans. And I thank the Lord, in one of the earlier letters that he wrote, and that the Lord encouraged Paul, and I'm confident that Paul didn't have to think about this and say oh, should I write this down or not, it could have been somebody? Well, in Romans Chapter Two, Verse Sixteen let's see what Paul said and I'm sure a whole lot of Christians, and a whole lot of ministers, and a whole lot of pastors, and a whole lot of disciples read this letter. 31:34

And it said, in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men; everybody liked that, by Jesus Christ, oh amen, amen, but Paul says according to my gospel. See, that's where it cuts, and it still cuts today doesn't it? When you talk to people, and you're talking about the Lord, and you say yes, and what we preach and what we really go into because the word of God brought us into this is Paul's gospel. It's Paul's gospel, everything points to this, this is where the masterpiece of grace is, this is what the Lord wants us to know, this is why He gave us the Holy Ghost not just to speak in tongues, praise God for that precious evidence; that's how we know we have it but it's to completely open the door for us to go into that growth into the full sons of God, to step into that adoption of sons, and He waited for us, didn't He? Oh yes He did, but thank the Lord that Paul did not hesitate, he said that the secrets of men; the hearts are going to be judged according to my gospel.

Well, if his is the gospel of more grace I know what they're going to be judged for. How much grace did you take? That's it, how much grace did you take? This is the gospel of the more grace. We just read about whether it's the master builder amen? And how do you abound to every good work, isn't that what a Christian's supposed to be about?

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I want to abound to every good work. Well, how do you do it? But God who gave us all grace; that's it period. So, the judging of the secrets of the hearts of men is going to be how much grace did you take. There's reward with the first amount of grace you take is to accept Christ Jesus as your Saviour. And then everything from that point as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen? So, the whole point of this growth, the whole point of everything, how much grace did we take? As Paul said, I'm so thankful I did not make the grace of God vain that was given to me; he didn't make it empty. By the grace of God, he embraced it. He said Lord, thank You. I don't care what I've heard, I don't care what everybody told me I'm taking what You said; I've got all grace. Alright? And as the word of God tells us in Romans, the Father Who gave us freely His Son, and gave Him to die and to be abused, and all the different things and gave Him to be made sin for us, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things. We got a freely and a given there; we get a double portion of grace.

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So, I thank God Paul is stating here what the Lord is given to me is going to judge the secrets of men, it's going to judge it all because it's judging for how much grace that we take. Every letter that Paul writes they all begin with in some way, shape, or form grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. You'll find the word grace in the bible about a hundred and fifty sometimes; two thirds of them are written by the Apostle Paul. I thank God, many others you find in Acts, and there were others by the Apostle Paul. He was the one praise God that the Lord God gave this wondrous gospel of grace.

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Now, the word of God makes it very clear that we will never get anywhere in growth or spirituality without the grace of God. If it's Paul's gospel, then your life will be I am what I am by the grace of God. There'll be a thankfulness; those that are in that life are thankful for what they're hearing tonight. We're rejoicing, yes, we know these things, but there is greater rejoicing and praise I should even have for my life, and I thank God that it comes forth. In First Corinthians praise God we read on Sunday, turn on over there. Chapter one, and I love this, and I know you love it too because this is you; this is me, and once again it's all because of but God. And that's in First Corinthians Verse Twenty-seven. And it says there, but God hath chosen, right there. God's choice matters; God's choice matters. I put too much on myself, I put too much on that I think, somehow, I'm faithful; I'm not. God's choice is. God's choice, that's the grace that found me. And it says here God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty, and the base things of the world, and I will say God hath chosen, and the things which are despised, God hath chosen, praise the Lord. And the things praise the Lord which are not, to bring to naught things that are.

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Praise God, and it's not that He just chose them, it's not that He just saved them, it's not that He just filled them praise be to God, but brothers and sisters what this choosing of this mercy to us who are these ones that are the base, and praise God the ones that are the forgotten, the ones that are not wise, the ones that praise God that are weak praise God hallelujah, this is the choice of the Apocalypse for everything. That group, that little group, that little rib praise God of this lowliness is that which is going to be the complete unveiling. That's what we read about in Revelation. Everything is predicated upon her readiness; everything. Everything is being held back. Everything at this day, this age, this is all being held back with a bride to complete and to make herself ready. That wife is going to be ready, and the Lord is using all these things, He said He made everything for your sake, all these things are for you. We read and rejoiced over the past two weeks He made time for us when there wasn't no time. You think you're running out of time say oh no, the Lord made time for me, and that's the truth, take it in every dimension there is. 39:10

That's how He loves you, He'll stop time, He'll go back in time, He'll incorporate all time, trust Him for that. We get so confined With God, oh my goodness how He loves us. He loved me in ages past; He saw me with Him there. His grace, it's just been waiting, and it's all we've thirsted for and it's about ready to have a body like unto His own to embrace Him with. And then we're going to enter into the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness, praise God because we love Him. Hallelujah. So, these are the things that lowly bride given the exactly extreme opposite, and the exact extreme opposite of good or reputable, or holy that's who God chose to magnify the grace of God. Don't let that shock you, know the word of God. Abraham, the father of our faith that's the guy in the idol shop; the guy that just chiseled out something for somebody to worship instead of me. Abram, you're my man. I'm sure there was a few godly women, I want Rahab, I want not just one of the girls, I want the girl that runs that brothel. I want the one that's encouraging everybody else to be bad. I want Saul who's going out to kill the Christians; that's My chosen vessel. 41:06

What do you think He's after? He's after vessels that praise Him for His mercy. He's after us by God's grace because He wouldn't give this message to us, He wouldn't if we didn't gather here as these vessels that just thank Him. I look at each and every one of you, praise the Lord what a bunch of unruly sorts we are. Each and every one of us can be so hard to love, irritating, no, I don't like him, I don't like her personality, ah she's just... But you know there's something about the grace of God you just kind of stick around. He stuck you with that grace, you ain't going nowhere. Oh, I'm going to get away from here, I don't need these people, huh? I don't need to take this anymore. You see? What time's church? Or, I believe in, and who do you have me run into in the store? He loves us. He loves us and that's just grace because you know we're unlovable. But to Him there isn't anything He loves anymore. We're talking about God again. I am that I am, the One that we sit here with telescopes, we want to learn all about our bodies, everything about it, and science gets in there oh this is so miraculous and all of that. God just spoke all that stuff; He's interested in you and the relationship that He saw you in love before anything. Before anything, you talk about romantic, that's reward. That's my lover, I mean it happens to be God. I'm besides myself, thank You Jesus. 43:15

Now, the ascension of this precious one into His arms makes the way for the Lamb of God to take the throne from the Father to reign as God and if that ain't grace, but here we are and those promises how did we inherit them? By faith. You hear this? We thank the Lord, and we just say Lord thank You. You've given me the power of Your might, the power of Your love, everything in that wonderful Holy Ghost that caused you to rise from the dead You've given it to me and my life to rise from defeat, from doubt, to rise for me my corruptible flesh, and to be able to rise up and say oh Lord I'm it. I am it, I have that faith and I know what You have with me. I know it's waiting for us. I've known for quite some time I'm not complete without You, but now I realize. Oh, the grace of God that You are not complete without me. 44:47

And the whole plan, it's just so tremendous and that's how important what was given to Paul, and that is why the masterpiece of grace can only be attained and apprehended by following Paul as he followed Christ. I think about the things that Paul had to correct at times when people were asking Paul, how Christ like that was. Everybody wanted to know about natural stuff. How are we supposed to operate in this world. My citizenship is in heaven, I want to know how I am going to operate, and to operate right now in heaven. I don't like how this world operates, I don't but I sure love the beauty of how heaven does. And I'm sure thankful to God how I know I'm seated there You right now in the heavens in Christ. 45:52

Now, I thank God, and we do follow Paul as he followed Christ, and what we're following is I am what I am by the grace of God. And what we're following is we preach no other gospel because it's it. Grace is everything, Brothers and sisters, grace is everything and I believe the word of God says it's either grace or it's works., and if it's works it's not grace, and if it's grace it's not works. Amen? Amen. So grace is everything if you want the everything of the masterpiece of grace; that's the truth and that's the good fight of faith, it really is what we're fighting constantly. And it's not against flesh and blood, it's that darkness and the rulers of darkness, and that spiritual wickedness. And the Lord showed what that was, it was that dirty self-righteousness. It always was the dirtiest of the dirty were the pharisees. The thing that was the filthy rags, the leper's puss rags. All of the different things that you could put on a rag that were o-o-oh, that was this dirty self-righteousness. 47:29

That's the spiritual wickedness; that's the great whore, a form of godliness that denies the power, the form that, somehow, I'm holy and I'm righteous because of my actions. Uh-uh, it's all by the blood. It's all by grace. Paul goes on to say in verse two and we'll close with this tonight. He says grace to you and peace, and we know Who that's from, from our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We know and I'll tell you this and we all know it, grace brings peace. If you're not peaceful there's some grace you're not taking. It's been given but you're not taking it. Grace brings the ceasing from our own works. Grace brings the rest, and it's the very rest of God. Grace places us in peace, and in the peace that we are His workmanship; that's what grace does, grace put me in the peace that I'm His workmanship. Grace puts me in the peace that I am wonderfully and fearfully made. grace puts me in the peace that He made me unperfect for Him. He made me

unperfect to fit with perfect, Him. Isn't that wonderful? It's like magnets, you get the same one and they go whoop, whoop, whoop, but you get the complete opposite you can't pull them apart. 49:22

Think what He testifies to us. Grace brings the peace that we're called, and we're chosen, and we have a life that's not happenstance, it's predestinated. We have before ordained good works that grace causes me to walk through. Grace gives us the peace that all things work together for good to them that love God. Grace gives us the peace that He will perform the good work which He's begun in me. Grace brings the peace that He will perfect that which concerns me. If you don't have that peace you can't run; you can't. You'll run but you'll beat the air. You run with purpose because of grace that gives you peace, and that's why she is that New Jerusalem as we started tonight that's why she's the double peace because it's grace. So, in that it's very simple, with grace we are equipped with the peace that is the reality, it's the power to journey through life into the depths of all truth. The depths of all truth are so tremendous, and so incredible, and so beyond it's only grace that gives me the peace to know and to say, but yet it's mine; it's mine, and its mine. Praise the Lord, we'll stop there tonight, and God willing we'll go on. Well, maybe we'll go up, but I'm encouraged in it, and I thank God, I know you are too. We thank Jesus together. Let's stand and be dismissed. 51:41