

Transcription of The Building of the Masterpiece of Grace in Ephesians – 18  
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Let's go ahead and open our bibles up to Ephesians Chapter Four, and so thankful to God here's His masterpiece right here. We're here thank You Jesus all by the grace of God and the grace of God that is with us, and we are what we are by the grace of God, isn't that wonderful and we thank the Lord for that all grace, all ways, all sufficiency for all things to superabound to every good work. And this praise the Lord is the good work which He's begun in us, and He's promised that He will perform it. And I'm thankful that we're beginning to rest, aren't we? We're beginning to have confidence in Him, and to really believe His word. What does that word say? You mean it says that? Well thanks be to God I believe that, and we stand, and we are not moved, and we shall not be moved and we shall not be greatly moved, and we shall not be moved by the grace of God. 01:00

Tonight, the calling upon the masterpiece of grace. Let's read the first thirteen verses of chapter four together. It says, I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called; it is not might, not a maybe, this is your calling amen. With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith; boy I really understand that one faith. There's a lot of beliefs out there but there's on faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto many men. 02:29

(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Praise be to God. And it all begins here in this precious chapter, the vocation, and we thank the Lord, yes, the calling, but it also means the definition of that is the feast, thanks be to God, and oh, what a calling, and what a feast of a calling we have. Matter of fact, it's called a strong meat feast. And I thank God that we have this encouragement to us brothers and sisters, you find this word vocation eleven times in the word of God, ten times by the Apostle Paul it's used. The number ten is the responsibility according to ability. You think of that, the responsibility that we have brothers and sisters with what we have been given oh my, oh my, oh my. 04:09

But this high calling, this vocation is the high calling of God in Christ Jesus; that is the calling. You find that in Philippians 3:14. I think of Thessalonians, what is that? that one-eleven where it says that He would count you worthy of this calling. See, I thank God that we need to be quickened and awakened to it, and how are we counted worthy of anything in the word of God? By faith, amen? By faith, by believing it we need the power of faith brothers and sisters, We need faith in that divine grace that has every bit of every bit of power that we need to again to apprehend Him. 04:53

Now, turn on over to Romans 8:30 as we're continuing on thinking about this calling, this high calling that we have we rejoiced in this on Sunday, but in Romans Eight let's go ahead and read from verse twenty-nine. Once again it said for whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Now listen to this. Moreover, whom He did predestinate, that's us. them He also called: and whom He called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. If you missed Sunday go back and listen to it. I need to listen to it again, going so fast who knows what went on praise the Lord. But see, this is the glorified colony brothers and sisters, this is what you have. This is what you have been called to. 05:49

You turn on over to Second Timothy Chapter One Verse Nine it goes on to tell us a little bit more about that colony and be strong in it, know this is who you are in Christ. In 2 Timothy 1:9 it says Who hath saved us and called us. See, isn't that beautiful? See, it's so personal here isn't it, He called you., He's chosen you in that foreknowledge of God He predestinated you. And so, in this calling brothers and sisters He says He's called us with a Holy calling, a set apart calling not according to our works. See, you don't have a calling to legality, you don't have a calling to your self-works, no you have a calling of grace hallelujah. But according to His own purpose, remember we have been reading that, the purpose of His grace, and it says here to His own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus when? Before the world begins. Oh over, and over, and over, know how He loves you, know how He's again everything praise the Lord is about this masterpiece of grace. Every bit of every bit of creation was for this. Everything started with us in Christ then everything came forth. 07:12

Now, so in this brothers and sisters, we thank the lord together that we have been blessed, we have been blessed it's done with all spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ. And in that foreknowledge of who we are in God hallelujah we were predestinated and predestinated into this knowledge, and the joining of us into this knowledge of the mystery of the riches of Christ. Amen, that's what He has called us to, that's what He has chosen us for. It's the very inheritance of the bride, and the bride for the groom glorified together with Him before the world began. And brothers and sisters we are knowing it ever deeper each and every week, and I thank God for it. I'll tell you it's becoming so clear to the light we're just going to step right on over to it. Now I understand what John Hill was saying to me oh brother you're not going to, we're not going to have to wonder what we're doing up there like people say. Oh, I wonder what I'm going to do. You wonder what

you're going to do, you don't know and that's the truth, and yet you know and you're going to step right on over praise God into that faith being made sight. 08:25

But brothers and sisters our pressing is for the mark for the prize of the calling of God in Christ Jesus. And I pray that we really know this brothers and sisters it's not an if the prize will be ours, I don't run at this prize as if it might be mine, we have complete confidence in grace. That prize, brothers and sisters has already apprehended you, do you know that? That prize has already apprehended you and I believe in due time, praise God, the glory of the apprehending of that prize will be revealed in us as well too, hallelujah. I believe that. I thank God. I know that that manifestation has not come forth yet. I understand I haven't apprehended yet, but I know that His work in grace, and His wonderful encouragement of His predestinated wondrous calling, and choosing, and justification, and that He has glorified me I know and am confident in the apprehending of His prize that will happen in my life. Praise the Lord? Well, let's believe God together in this, amen. 09:33

Now, as we go on here brothers and sisters, we thank God of what He has told us. Turn on over to First Thessalonians Chapter Five as we continue on in this thought of this calling that He has upon or lives, and I love how He dealt with these sweethearts here. The very last of this letter in chapter five of First Thessalonians, and let's read verses twenty-three and twenty-four together as Paul wraps this up. He tells them the very God of peace sanctify you wholly. See, the God of peace just sets you apart in that rest holy sanctified; that sets you apart holy. And *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful *is* He that calleth you, Who also will do *it*. Isn't that glorious? Thank You God, so you have this calling on your life, but it's not an if, He's given you the faith to believe it. That's why you gather to hear this message. You're not at this syrupy message, just bump along and you know sing songs and choruses, repeat them until you're blue in the face, and you know you can do this, and all, you're beginning to know who you are in Christ. And not just beginning to know praise be to God, you know the love of Christ. Hallelujah, you know it in all of its dimensions, you know what it's there for and it was in beginning. 11:12

And in the purpose of that love, and in the power of that love which is all wrapped up in the very power of His grace. He will perform it. And as He says here in so many different ways, I love how just concise this is, faithful *is* He that calleth you; not you, you're not faithful, He's faithful, and my faith is in His faithfulness. My faith praise God is in His foreknowledge that He knew praise God it was me. I didn't know it was me, but He did, and He's God so I'm good with that, amen? That's the only thing you better be good with is not what you think, but what God thinks. Not what you say, but what He said and stand upon that word and believe that word. And grow strong in that word, be thankful in that word. Oh my, there should be a joy unspeakable and full of glory just bubble out of our lives of this word that's been revealed in us. Hallelujah. 12:13

But He said here so sweetly, He's just telling you I'm faithful that called you, and I will do it. Listen to Him tell you that. Not I might, not I maybe, I will do it. Count Him faithful, stand upon that promise. Don't waver, see, those are those full overcomers of the Old Testament, they believe the Lord. Amen, they just believe God. And God knew, He knew that that one would have the faith. God knew Noah would believe Him. I thank the Lord, it said Noah found grace in the sight of the Lord, isn't that something? Noah found unmerited love, unmerited favor; Noah didn't merit a thing, that's what grace is thank the Lord. And I thank God that grace was bestowed upon him; know that for your life brothers and sisters, thank the Lord for it, and that wonderful grace in the foreknowledge of God predestinated Noah that he would receive that instruction, and God knew it wasn't a maybe for Noah, He knew that's My man and My grace will enable him to believe the impossible, They never seen rain, and didn't know about the Lord said I'm going to flood this earth, you build a big old ship because you're going to put all the animals in that thing. Huh? 13:58

Now here He's telling you now, you can't see it, you're in this flesh and boy is it corruptible, and you got two natures and you're going the things that you would, the good that you would you knew not, and the evil that you would not oh that's what you do, but yet I've chosen you. I've chosen you just like I chose Noah, and I gave him that truth and everybody saw what was going on; they saw what was going on for almost a hundred years of that man building that boat and you didn't see hear or inquire can I help you, do I do this, or can I get in there with you now. Now they were trying to get in there with him I guarantee you as that water began to rise. You know it but it was too late. You see, He's given you this; He's given you this and He foreknew it His grace would be sufficient for you to lay hold of it, amen. And that word of His grace that He's given will build you up just like Noah built that ark, the word of His grace will build you up and give you an inheritance. Know what an inheritance that Noah received didn't he among all them that are sanctified? It set him apart, it really set him apart, didn't it? It lifted him out of there, and this truth that we have in the promises which is even a better promise; He's going to lift us up out of here. 15:33

And He just counted God faithful didn't He. He said well that's the word of the Lord. I know that to everybody else I look like a fool, and there were other Christians at that time; you understand that. There were other people that believed God. The word of God said that there were ones that they were righteous that died in that flood; they did. Not everybody is going to be raptured in the first trumpet. Matter of fact the majority won't. God would have it for them, it's still here, He shows that He's not a respecter of persons, but He's God and He knows that here we have a company, a real group of people here tonight listening on that believe this word and it's just as real, it's just as live, and it's just as mighty a promise of God that was given to Noah. Amen. Now we thank God for it, and we thank God just like Noah He will do it, God will do it because God is faithful, that's why because God can't lie because God's promises are yea and amen. And that's what's so wonderful is we're standing on the promises of God to us. 16:57

So, He calleth us to sanctify us wholly, and I want you to know something about this, when verse twenty-three here in First Thessalonians, this calling that we have that sanctifies us wholly, wholly means it sanctifies us perfect, complete in all respect, see, that's filled with all the fulness of God. See, this calling of grace is the power; it's the word that does it, it's the promise that does it, that's why if you believe the promise, praise God, it will do it anyway; that's how you inherit the promises of God is by faith. They're never inherited by works, and as we read in Timothy so sweetly tonight that this that was given to us is not by works. No, it's according to His purpose and grace. This is solely and wholly His workmanship, this is the masterpiece of grace, this is every bit of Him and nothing of us. Thanks be to God this is something that is totally and only of His mercy that He bestows all the riches of His glory upon your life. And you think of how contrary that is to ninety-nine-point nine percent of the teaching of Christianity which is work and work, and duty, and perform, and keep, and we have to be accountable and all these different things; that's Him. Everything I said there is Him. He's the One that does the work, He the One that's accountable, He's the One that's faithful, He's the One that keeps, amen. 18:53

He's my strength, He's my high tower, He's my shield, He's my buckler, He's my rod; hallelujah, He's everything. Amen, and we're here to just lift up Him in praise, and thanksgiving, and just to continue to Lord let my lips constantly praise You. So, He will do it, He will accomplish it, He will perform it because He has called us, and He also will do it. 19:31

Now, this calling and choosing is upon His masterpiece of grace. Brothers and sisters be thankful whom He foreknew, and He foreknew that she would sit under all grace, He foreknew that we would be a people brothers and sisters that would sit under a message of all grace, not almost all grace, oh no, no, no, no, we're going and sitting under all grace; there is nothing but. It's either grace or it's works, it's either Spirit or it's flesh and that's real easy, that one's not complicated. That means it's got to be Him Amen, and we're going to look to that, and the Lord strengthen us in it. We received every bit of His grace, and we grow up fully in it till He shall appear. And with Paul, as he says is, we start out tonight in this fourth chapter. With Paul we are prisoners of it. I thank God we can't get away from Him because He foreknew. He foreknew to make you a prisoner of this, praise be to God, you can't get away. I know all of us at times we thought we could wrestle out of it. I, I, um, oh I can't help it, na-na and then you fall in love with it, and He just waited for us to fall in love with it. It's so marvelous, I'm telling you we're all unruly, but He knows what He is doing. and I thank God that we have been apprehended of Him, we have been seized by His love from beginning. I love that, I've been seized by His love before ever a star was set in heaven. 21:17

I mean you're Mine, you're Mine, now I'm going to make everything. I'm going to make time for you, I'm going to make stars, and gravity, and water, and earth, and a moon, all these different things and He didn't have to do it that way just went whoosh, it's just there, and as we rejoice, praise God, on Sunday, the rib was always in Adam; it was always there. It was just a matter of time when the rib would be taken out and the wife

would be shown. All that, all that and let the Lord just continue to lay out this in our lives, this praising the more, and more, and more. But brothers and sisters as it says here after this location in second verse, notice because of this immensity of love, and this revelation of the truth now you can understand why the Apostle Paul was given that thorn in his flesh. He really didn't understand it, but then as the Lord began to minister to his life Paul was the immensity of the revelation and the knowledge that I've given you of who you are in Me, and what you are to me, if I remove that thorn, if I'd take that thing away out of your life you would be exalted and not Me. And then we miss all grace, son. Then you're not found only having My righteousness and if that doesn't happen you don't win the crown. And that's why Paul said and just so thanked God, being found only having His righteousness which is of Christ Jesus. Praise the Lord. 23:14

So, as it says in the second verse with this vocation, with this amazing love that foreknew us and seized us in beginning we go on in His calling with all lowliness, and how could you not? Really, Amen? But I'll tell you how you could not because the Lord gives you a thorn and He does. Yeah, He gives you those things brothers and sisters to again let you it's not I, it's the grace of God that's with me. Oh yes, those infirmities are so mighty, and it says lowliness, and meekness with long suffering forbearing one another in love. See brothers and sisters we need to bear and forbear in love with one another because we're in love, and in marriage, and in matrimony together, and we need to operate as husbands and wives as spouses with one another. You care for your spouse. You don't just get rid of, or replace, or think no, you care. You that are spiritual restore, and I'll tell you one thing about a good marriage there's a lot of restoring all the time, and it's the truth because things happen, things are said. Lots of things go on but first love is first love and it'll go on, and it'll be humble, and it'll be lowly, and it'll be meek, and it'll prefer the other before self. By the grace of God, I pray that this is an example in this meeting, and I know it's because the Lord's in this meeting and where He has brought us in love with one another. 25:08

I thank God I don't have to give you the pecking turkey sermon like Brother Hill use to have to give us. Anybody who's been around for some time you understand what I'm saying. Now I'm not saying we can't at times be that way, but I thank God He's getting a company ready, we're ready to step out of here. Brothers and sisters, it's so close praise God and it's because the wife hath made herself ready, and you see it praise God, He's bringing us to that place hallelujah Lord God. We're panting after seeing our Bridegroom as He's panted from beginning to be with us. 25:50

The masterpiece of grace is lowly, and meek, and longsuffering forbearing one another in love. You know what that means? We stick it out, and we don't quit. That's right, I'm glad now I understand my brothers and sisters used to call me fungus, we stick around, we don't quit; tightly fit, compacted, you know what I'm saying. The champions get wounds, when you love great you hurt great, but first love stays, it just stays. First love forgives, that's right. First love apologizes, first love is first to say I was wrong and I'm sorry; that's what first love is and I thank God for it, and first love does not consider

itself. Probably the number one defeat and destructive thing that the enemy uses, is when we begin to get our eyes on ourselves, how I was hurt, how I feel. How quickly that can put us in a spin, and such a spin, God forbid. 27:20

Now, we abide brothers and sisters in the unity of the Spirit, the Holy Ghost brings the in-love dwelling, I like that in the bond of peace which we know what our bond of peace is grace isn't it? Amen, and we thank the Lord for that beautiful grace. I sure thank God for the grace of God that's with me, it's done a mighty work, brethren. Transformed you from glory to glory even into the image of Him praise His name. Marvelous, but how wonderful it is, the oneness in Him is a perfect harmony isn't it? We just thank the Lord together as the word is preached, but then in verse eight as we go back here to Ephesians Chapter Four it says, wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. So, what He's encouraging us here is basically what He's already done with the full overcomers of the Old Testament. See, when He led captivity captive there were some that received these marvelous gifts or crowns if you will. Remember in Matthew Twenty-seven it said many of the bodies, there were many of the graves that were opened and many bodies of the saints it says yes the spirits of just men made perfect, those were the ones in Hebrew 12:23. Those full overcomers in the Old Testament that received their glorified bodies hallelujah, they're the ones that we see that are seated on those twenty-four thrones around that midst of the throne around the Lamb, the lamb's wife, in Revelation Four. 29:01

Those crowns were given to those ones, glorified bodies were given to those ones, they were seen in Jerusalem praise God on Christ's resurrection day. And yet brothers and sisters we have a better thing, we have a better thing; we have a better thing. I'll tell you that things pretty better to me, but we got something better, and I just sit here and say, oh Jesus, what You called us to, and they without us cannot be made perfect. Isn't that something? They got crowns, they're friends of the Bridegroom, they're waiting for Him to call her, but they cannot be made perfect without you. Isn't that glorious? Yep, without Jesus we're worthless, but Christ in us, the hope of glory, we're priceless and I thank God for that, just know it, praise His Name. Now, it's all because of the power in that ascension. See, that power when He ascended brothers and sisters, it's wonderful that's what He did there in that ascension, and that ascension was to fill all things, did you see that there right there in verse ten? It said He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens that He might fill all things. 30:25

Now brothers and sisters what's He's speaking of there is what He sent to us when He ascended up on high, He sent us the Holy Ghost, yes, He did. He sent us the Comforter, He sent us the Spirit of Truth, and He sent us the one that would take all the things of Christ and make them ours praise God. He would reveal these things, He would show us those things, He would lead us into all truth praise God, and we thank the Lord for this. This is the fulness of all in all, the Holy Ghost taking the things of Christ and making them ours shedding the love of Christ abroad in our hearts causing us to know all the love of Christ. All of this brothers and sisters, from the ascension that is being done

and is accomplished right now by the Holy Ghost is the same that is going on in His bride. He is filling her completely to complete Him; He is filling her completely to complete Him.  
31:31

Turn on over to Colossians, Chapter One. Never forget these things. Let this be such a praise and rejoicing of what He has given you. In Colossians 1:25, here's what Paul said. He says, I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God, which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; to fill all in all, to complete the word of God; to complete, to fulfill, to perfect Jesus Christ. Read the word of God and thank Him for this brothers and sisters, this is His word that completes Him, even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints. And that's what's so glorious, it wasn't made manifest to the world, it was made manifest to believers. There was something believers didn't know that was something that believers didn't have. And the first thing that believers did not have was that power of the infilling of the Holy Ghost for the purpose, for the purpose to be led into all truth. There were ones in the Old Testament, yes you will read that were filled with the Holy Ghost at certain times that there would be power that was formed in them that was exceptional. Sampson it says was filled with the Holy Ghost; boom that that would be revealed that strength that would be given in his life.  
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Brothers and sisters with this power to be filled with all the fulness of God let me tell you something there's one way that's the Holy Ghost. And that's why He ascended upon high and that's why He told those disciples that were saying Lord we love You so, we don't want You to go, and He told them let me tell you something, if I don't go, I can't send Him. I can't send Him, and oh, am I thankful that He sent Him, aren't you? We would not have what we have, we would have salvation, but we wouldn't have power; oh no we wouldn't, not the power of His might. And not the ability brothers and sisters to have fellowship with Him, and I'm talking about the Holy Ghost to minister to us, to lead us into all truth. I wouldn't know anything about what I am preaching tonight, there's no way I could see it. I'd have to have the Spirit of Truth to come to me and to reveal this to me, and to enlighten the eyes of my understanding, and then praise God to take me on in it. And to continuing encouraging me and woo me with all of the love, all the love of the Father's Son and teach me of it and show it unto me. And reveal it unto me, captivate my heart. Cause my eyes to see my first love.  
34:42

You see this now and I love how he goes on to say whom God would make known, and that's you. To whom God would make known, that's His foreknowledge and you're the whom He predestinated to know this, to hear this, thank the Lord to whom God would make known, put your name there, to Jesse, to whom God would make known what is the riches of His glory of this mystery, the glory of the mystery. That's me among the Gentiles, that's me, which is Christ in you, that's me, the hope of glory, that's me. Thank You Lord. Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice. Now, the mystery being made known, to fulfil, and fill up and complete the word of God.  
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Now, let's go ahead and close this up tonight. Going back now to verse eleven, here's how He does it, here's what He's chosen for it. Ephesians 4:11. It says, and He gave what? some, apostles; and some, prophets; some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers. The vessels brothers and sisters to deliver the message of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, Paul's gospel. And I thank God how the Lord had that represented in this place. How wonderful the ministering of the saints, how beautiful is the care of this body because of the Lord, and I love how it says in Jeremiah 3:15 and this touched my heart so sweetly. It says in Jeremiah 3:15, it says, and I will give you pastors according to My heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding, and I just say oh thank You God, the masterpiece it's all here brothers and sisters coming forth from what He's done with what He ordered, it's happening right now tonight in this place praise His name. And I have to tell you I'm honored, and I thank the Lord to be pastor of the elect of God. I do, I just sit and oh Lord Jesus what a joy. A pastor praise God to give the message of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. A messenger, an angel by the grace of God to the church of Philadelphia. He didn't throw me over there in a Laodicea, or you know some other one, He put me right here. I get the racehorse's baby; I know who He's made you and I thank God, we feed together. And I thank God hallelujah that we're feeding upon this strong meat that He gives and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ unto a perfect man. 37:47

Not just a really good one but perfect. Complete to the measure and the stature and that fulness of Him. And I thank God, you think at this present time brothers and sisters it at this very present time that we are in and notice what this is for verse twelve and thirteen. All of those things given for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying, that means the spiritual encouragement of the body of Christ till we all come in the unity of the faith, and it's specific here, the faith of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. We're sitting at a moment brothers and sisters I really do believe just as the Apostle Paul, praise God. God brought him to that moment where he knew it was time, and he knew it was time not because they were going to take his head, he knew it was time because he was ready. And I thank God in that encouragement of faith in what the Lord had revealed to his life he said I am ready to be offered, and I believe by the grace of God, and only by the grace of God we are in a unity of faith, and a unity of the Spirit that we are at a time brothers and sisters we say together we are ready to be offered. In a moment we're going to go praise the Lord, let's stand and be dismissed. 39:50