

Meet Your Psychiatrist: He Makes You Rich

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I. Introduction.

A. Text:

B. The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Grace. (Hebrews 10:29, Zechariah 12:10)

C. Grace is favor given when one does not deserve it.

D. There are four ministries of the Spirit.

1. Gifts of the Spirit that have to do with service.

2. The graces of the Spirit have to do with character.

3. The governances of the Spirit have to do with special offices.

E. Through the Spirit one can have everything that they need for spiritual living.

F. God gives us varying kinds of grace.

G. Grace is a confidence--something that we experience.

II. Saving grace. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

A. This is where it starts.

B. People turn to substitutes when they do not have the Holy Spirit to meet their needs.

C. One can experience saving grace by opening one's heart to Christ.

III. Serving grace. (Ephesians 4:7)

A. Saving grace and serving grace goes together.

B. Christians ought to be serving in some ministry.

C. Paul could only serve as he did because of God's strength given to him through grace. (1 Corinthians 15:9-10)

IV. Suffering grace. (1 Corinthians 12)

A. God makes us better people when suffering is infused with God's grace.

B. Suffering without grace makes us bitter.

V. Sacrificing grace. (2 Corinthians 8-9)

A. Affliction plus poverty equals joy and liberality.

B. God wants to give us more grace to give more.

VI. Singing grace. (Colossians 3:16)

A. The hymn book cannot be separated from the Bible.

B. Growth in knowledge of the Bible ends in a greater appreciation of Bible based music.

C. God can give you singing grace despite difficulty.

VII. Conclusion: God never runs out of grace.

Application questions:

1. How would you describe grace to someone who has never heard?

2. What are needs in your church community that you could better meet through your gifts or your time?

3. How have you seen suffering grace modeled in your life or in the life of another? What did you learn?
