

GRACE WASTERS

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Bible Texts: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-2

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Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You this day, Father as we are about to start our bible study, please give us wisdom and understanding of Your Word. Let Your Holy Spirit guide and lead us, in Jesus name we pray. (Amen)

Introduction

I will love you to follow carefully as the Lord want to open our hearts to some hidden truths.

Study

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 KJV

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. [2] (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

The Apostle Paul started this chapter by saying they are God's coworkers. The same way we work God also works. Many do not know that God is also a worker.

The Lord Jesus Christ said **John 5:17 KJV But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.**

In this verse of the scriptures, the Lord Jesus Christ said His Father works even until now and He Himself is also working when the Jews started persecuting Him saying He had broken his Sabbath. Whereas, the work of God was never a breach of the Sabbath, the works of Christ are the works of the Father for they are One God. Jesus did not break the Sabbath but He "loosed it" from the bondage of tradition and man-made rules. This same way God works and has also made His Ministers co-workers with Him in doing good.

The Lord Jesus Christ said "I must do the works of the One who sent Me while it is still day" this applies to us too, there will come a time when we would no longer be able to work but the Apostles have taken it upon themselves to do this work despite all the tribulations and persecutions that are attached to it, Paul says, "for we are labourers together with God". God has been working to see that man is redeemed from the grip of eternal death and sent forth men to declare this deliverance but He says he pleads that you should not receive the grace of God in vain. From His words, it means that it is possible to receive God's grace which is His merciful kindness by which God exerts His holy influence on souls and turns them to Christ keeping and strengthening them, this can be received and wasted.

This is one of the verses that overrules the doctrine of once saved forever saved. The issue Paul is addressing here is not that they were not saved initially they have received the Grace already to be saved which means they were already saved, or that he was telling them that when they finally receive the grace of salvation they should not waste it. Paul pleaded because the new God's grace can get wasted upon a man; the moment a man receives God's grace and refuses to accept and do what that Grace teaches such a man is a Grace waster. The Grace Paul is talking about here is the grace of God that leads/brings salvation and God so good that Grace has appeared onto all men, and it is teaching men many things.

Titus 2:11-14 KJV

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, [12] Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; [13] Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; [14] Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

The Apostle begged the Corinthians that they should be reconciled back to God. **2 Corinthians 5:20 KJV Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.**

What these great men of God of old are after is simply that souls be turned back to God and those who claim to be saved yet remained hypocrites should get serious with God. Now it tells them not to take this Grace in vain, that is, this Grace that is capable of granting them salvation, the Grace that

is able to make them children of the kingdom of light should not be taken for granted.

It is a pity today that we have many Grace wasters, not that they did not receive Grace to be saved but they chose to waste that Grace upon their lives through their ways of life. The true Grace do not only come with a saving power to reconcile a man back to God. It also come with the enabling power to make man stand and remain in Christ.

This means that men do not only need the ministry of the gospel that they may receive Grace to be saved alone, but also that they may continue it. The reasons some who claim to operate under Grace are to be questioned on what kind of Grace they have received is because they lack the power to continue in what that Grace teaches. This is how we know those who have truly received the Grace that is from God and not from men. Going back to **Titus 2:11 KJV For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,**

Firstly we read of the Grace that has been revealed to all men, everyone in the world has this grace to be redeemed, the grace of salvation which the blood of Jesus Christ purchased for us, the true saving grace. **Titus 2:12 KJV Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;** now Paul tells us what this grace teaches us. From this, it is clear that since we have received grace, then that same Grace gives us understanding, it tutors us on which path to tread and which not to. Christ has justified us, He has also sanctified us, then we must all give ourselves to true godliness and righteousness, setting before us a sure hope of that immeasurable glory.

But grace wasters believe something contrary to this, they do not see any reason to live in godliness, they do not reject and denounce ungodly lifestyles, with the lust of the world, which is the lust of the flesh and eyes which belongs to the present state of life and world. Paul says the grace of God educates, it instructs, it explains to the receiver of it that he cannot continue with such lifestyles. It means this grace would tell a fornicator/adulterer that they cannot continue in this act.

But the once saved forever saved people say a fornicator can make heaven; such Grace is an example of false Grace. It is clear that true Grace educates a drunkard that he can no longer drink alcohol, it tells a liar that he has to stop lying because it is an ungodly act, it tells an idol worshiper that he can no longer continue in idol worship and must not visit herbalist anymore. It

tells a thief that he can no longer steal, this is what true saving Grace teaches, those who received Grace and refuse to be instructed by it are grace wasters. Paul begged the Corinthians not to receive God's grace in vain. It is unfortunate that there are many Grace wasters today in the church who refused to be instructed in the ways of godliness. Many are trapped by unholy passionate desires, they go into all sorts of ungodly things and they claim to be operating under Grace. Such people quote **Romans 8:1** neglecting the later part of it that says *who walk not after the flesh*. **KJV There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** They believe they have no condemnation in as much as they had at one time believed in Christ, yet they keep walking in the flesh. But Paul says do not waste the grace of God. Refusal to do what saving grace teaches amounts to grace wastage.

Paul then tells us what this grace should achieve in our lives, it should help us to live discrete, temperate, self-controlled, upright, devout, and spiritually whole life here in this world. This is what makes a man who is working under God's grace known. A man who does otherwise has not received such Grace at all or is a grace waster. When talking about Grace Wasters, it is not referring to those who mistakenly fall into sin and felt bad about it then quickly repented, it talks about those who see sin as though it is not serious because they are covered by grace. How you see sin would tell if you are a Grace waster or not.

There are two kinds of Grace wasters

1. The Meddlers
2. The Rejecters

1. The Meddlers: Just as it has been explained, those people who meddle with God's grace by their way of life. They accept the grace but refuse to be instructed by it. They are not different from those who do not know God around them, they are only differentiated by their large bibles and suits, and with their loud uncoordinated tongues. Those in the world have girlfriends and woman lovers, they also do. Those of the world sing worldly songs and dances they do the same too, the same demonic hairstyles on worldly people's head is what they too barb. They also have sugar mummies/daddies. They think like the world, talk like the world, dress like the world, and what they use to console themselves whenever the Holy Spirit convicts them is that they have given their lives to Christ, they claim

to have given their lives to Christ yet they are living their lives for themselves satisfying their own pleasures. Therefore they meddle with God's grace not making it appear impropriety. This set of Grace wasters are far from heaven and cannot enter there because not only do they deceive others they also deceive themselves giving themselves false hope.

Those who are not grace meddlers accept to walk soberly in righteousness, they shun all ungodly lifestyles and hates the work of those who turn aside. This Grace helps them to know what is good and what is evil and they teach others so. Any Grace that teaches a man to continue in sin is not Grace at all or a false damning grace. To know if you are not a Grace meddler, you must look at what you understand by the word Grace and see if it spurs you into a holy and righteous living. A grace that would not caution the sinful ways of a man is a wasting grace. If it does caution you, then you have received the saving grace, it must also help you to continue with such lifestyle. But as for Grace wasters they would not continue in it.

2. The Rejecters: Hebrews 2:3 KJV **How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him ;** There are those who have rejected the Grace that should grant them salvation as a result they are Grace wasters. The Grace that brings salvation has appeared onto all men, not some, so for anyone to be preached and yet reject that free offer of salvation, such is making the grace of God serve as a waste in his life. Before the grace of God can continue to work in a man, he must first accept this Grace. The rejection of this grace makes it impossible to be taught and shapened by it, which is soul damning. Are you not a Grace waster? some postponed the day of their salvation till the point that they died and finally wasted that Grace. **2 Corinthians 6:2 KJV (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.)** Paul says now is the day of salvation. In other words, this is the right time to accept this grace of salvation which the Lord in His mercy has made available to you through His son Jesus Christ.

I pray for you that may the grace of God not be a waste over your life in Jesus Christ name.

You need to check your life now to see what way you have been wasting the grace of God upon your life, remember that refusing to do what this Grace teaches you by continuing living in it, amounts to you wasting it and the

time will come when this grace would be totally wasted. The grace wasted over the rich man during poor lazarus' days, and he regretted it pleading for another opportunity to make use of the grace judiciously, but it was already too late, may it not be too late for you too in Jesus Christ name. Because by then in hellfire there would not be any opportunity to retrieve such Grace again. Have a deep reflection of your life now, check the aspect you have been wasting God's grace and repent now, **don't be a grace waster!**

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