## **Grace Makes Alive**

"By Grace You Are Saved"

EPHESIANS 2:4 (God is rich in mercy), vs. 5 (Though dead, grace makes alive.) "Even when we were dead in the sphere of our transgressions (παραπτώμασιν) HE LOVED – WE ARE SO UNLOVELY "hath He quickened"

(AAI of συνεζωοποισεν) "ΤΟ MAKE ALIVE."

Look at that magnificent word:

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συν – (sun) with, or along with \zeta \omega \eta – life \pi \sigma \iota \epsilon \omega – to do or to make – "to make alive along with others."
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1 John 5:11, 12 – God does the same thing for every individual who will believe.

"And this is the record (witness) that God gave eternal life and this life is in his Son. (12) The one having the Son has LIFE; the one not having the Son of God does not have LIFE."

## SEE AGAIN SIN - IMPUTED

After the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Father is now able to look upon us as righteous. And he is able to express his love for us in countless ways during our lifetime. The word "grace" is used to refer to God's giving to us out of his love for us, a giving that is unrestricted because of our former condemnation has been removed, our penalty has been paid, God's righteousness and justice have been satisfied, and we are "in Christ" and we share the love that the Father has for his own Son.

Mastery of the Bible's teaching about grace is the most important goal of the Christian way of life.

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## Grace Makes Alive (Continued)

Your productivity as a believer, your ability to function effectively as member of your local church, your effectiveness in the use of your spiritual gifts in reaching out to others – all are absolutely dependent on how well you understand and use grace principles.

The following are some of the reasons why the subject of grace is so important to every Christian:

- 1. Grace is the most important single concept in the Word of God.
- 2. Salvation is "by Grace through faith," and the Christian way of life functions entirely of grace principles.
- 3. Grace provides the foundational structure for all Bible study.
- 4. Knowledge of grace principles gives believers great knowledge and confidence in God's plan, His provisions and His blessings.
- 5. The Biblical subject of grace gives believers confidence in witnessing and teaching, both for evangelism and the Christian way of life. Read <a href="Romans 5:12-18">Romans 5:12-18</a>
- 6. Grace gives Christians insight into the workings of society and God's actual intentions regarding the future.
- 7. Grace convinces believers that human righteousness is completely out of the picture. Through grace, believers become "conduits of grace" to society. Families become grace families; churches become grace churches, centers of grace influence.