YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD: "HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021"?

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2 Corinthians 12:9

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

- 2 Corinthians 4:14-15 "14knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in His presence. 15 All_this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is extending to more and more people may overflow in thanksgiving, to the glory of God."
- God gives more than we need of His grace to do works.
- This grace comes in time of our weakness when we tired of trying and turn to Him for help
- We must acknowledge our weaknesses before God (boast in the weakness)
- When we humbly acknowledge our weakness, God's power comes forth.

Brethren, we must tap into the amazing grace:

The first example of the work of grace is our salvation: Ephesians 2:8 "8For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9not by works, so that no one can boast."

For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17)

Beyond salvation, God then intervenes in our affairs when we call on Him. John 1:16 says "And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." Once you need grace you run to Him. Amazing Grace is for a specific thing – something beyond you, a specific occurrence.

James 4:6 says "But He gives more grace."

To get grace, we must humble ourselves at His door step with specific request and acknowledge our inability to solve the problem (our weaknesses in solving it).

Brethren, we need to tap into the amazing grace:

Proverbs 8:34, God said "Blessed is the man who <u>listens</u> to me, <u>watching</u> daily at my doors, <u>waiting</u> at the posts of my doorway." . *This man needs a specific thing*

In Mark 10:46-52 "⁴⁶ As Jesus went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, .., sat by the road begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." ⁵⁰ And throwing aside his garment (**faith & confidence**), he rose and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ So Jesus <u>answered</u> and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus.... He got Mercy & Grace.

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Grace is for a particular moment you need to cross a big huddle, barrier in your journey. In such moments, you need 3-components working in your favour:

- 2 Corinthians 13:14, "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love (mercy) of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (Amen)"
- 1. the grace of the Lord
- 2. Love (mercy) of God, and
- 3. the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

No miracle can happen without the presence of the Holy Ghost. Reason the sin against the Holy Ghost cannot be forgiven.

Matthew 12:31 ""Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven."

Romans 8:11 "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."

Grace is the OPPOSITE of "performance or good works"

"If you can do it, then, you don't need grace."

Grace comes to enable us do or achieve what we cannot do/achieve

For example,

Ezra 9:9, Children of Israel said "9For we were slaves, but in his unfailing love our God did not abandon us in our slavery. Instead, He caused the kings of Persia to treat us favorably. He revived us so we could rebuild the Temple of our God and repair its ruins."

They could not get themselves out of slavery.

Ephesians 3 gives the account of Paul under God's grace:

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you.... ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ.

Paul could not have done this through his power. In fact in his power, he was going in the opposite direction – persecution of Christians, but God's grace enabled him to do what was naturally impossible for him.

Don't limit yourself, trap into God's amazing grace to do impossibilities.

Luke 5:5 is the account of Peter

"Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets. ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break." Here Peter tapped into amazing grace. He got big result.

Tapping into amazing grace does not need to be a big event. The grace comes as an instruction.

Infact, in 2 King 5:11, Naaman expected a big event "But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy." But God works by speaking His word.

Conclusion In John 14:13

"13And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son"

So brethren, let's tap into the amazing grace.