

Great Increase as we let HIS Peace Empower

Great Increase as we rest in His **Favor**

Psalms 4:1
Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast ENLARGED me when I was in DISTRESS; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. KJV

Eric Liddel – Olympic Champion

Few knew – left for China as a missionary with the same level dedication – worst of time – Boxers, Taiping Rebellion, Japanese invasion, internment ... yet fulfil God's purpose

6 There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

Distressing time – often filled with guilt

Remember his sin with Bathseba

Who will – show us any good – INC?

Realise only way – look at the Light of his face – grace and favor – assure INC and vict

We use **both** OT NT – need to expound - whole counsel of Word

Jesus – **parable** – learn how to **receive** grace – exp overflowing abundance
Matthew 25:14-30

How – man with 1 talent – **missed** the grace:

Hebrews 12:15

15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

BAD PICT – failed to see generosity – feel - fact

BLAMATISIS – blame - conc on defending ourselves

– can't receive grace – no INC
James 4:6

"God opposes the proud but He gives grace to the humble."

Humility – not deny strength – honest weaknesses

Key to **receive** INC – **faithful** ...

Put heart and joy - even little – even if belong to another

→ creativity and – INC - Reformation

8 I will both lie down and rest in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Another Key to exp inc – **rest in his peace**

Pas – I **tried** to rest – just cant – **DON'T** try ...

Come – presence – rest is easy
Come to Jesus and receive **His**

Peace

Matt 11:28 **COME** to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you **REST**.

Not meant don't work –

Some – thot – teach grace – slack in work – play computer games at working hr

Wk not a **curse**

Why is work not a curse?

Work and challenges, stress - is not a curse – why? God's **presence** – Adam faced – evening

Man chose not **partners** – lost the presence

How is the ground cursed?

Ground cursed - **Sweat** - pict of anxieties, worries & bitterness
Why is Jesus' blood applied to sweat first? What's the result?

First drop of blood → **sweat**

Greatest hindrance – worries and anxieties, bef blood even heal the ground (working place), God has to **deal** with the sweat **FIRST**

RESULT: Then Blood can heal the ground,

Wherever you go, **cursed ground, not perfect situation, but with blood of Christ in you, you make the place BLESSED ground**

Ephesians 2:14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.

Tongues – first gift God gave - presence

3000 saved!

How to work without anxieties and worries ?

Come - able to rest in His peace -

Ephesians 6:15 ...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. (Good News that gives peace, GW)

Peace – both Gk and Heb – not just absence of war or prob – wholeness, health, pros every area

I. Jesus' peace can empower you

Mark 5:24-28
On way to heal Jairus – w – 12 years flow of blood

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

27 When she **heard** about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

If I just touch! What astounding **revolutionary truth**

How was the truth so revolutionary and astounding?

OT – if clean touches unclean → unclean

With Jesus – full of grace – unclean → **clean** and transform

The law – **disqualifies**

Grace – qualifies empowers

Behold him – transformed

Mark 5:34 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in (INTO) peace and be whole from your plague. LITV
What so special of this woman's

faith?

Heard about Jesus' grace

Man forgiven and healed – didn't say – fast 40 days – pray 7 hrs – give ...

Acts 20:24 The gospel of God's grace 24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

How can we be made whole?

Come - receive Grace → go into peace - Whole

Pas – you talk so much – grace – love ... - rest – peace - peo – **abuse**

Don't worry – Bible:

PETER – focus on law – in fact – 1st command – denied

JUDAS – sacrifice – peo who tend to focus on sacri – often end up – not doing it – worst – critical – betray

Didn't **receive** grace, no power - contra

JOHN – resting – love – inside infor – **fulfil** law – long life

Gospel – key **power** for change and empowering us daily life

Recently – read of John Wesley

Very strict upbringing – Holiness club – 4 am – long hours – fasting etc

Ordained – Georgia as Anglican priest
Hard on people – strict rules – refused communion – sued

Flee – get to know Moravian missionaries – Germany – learn saved by grace

Had always preached – **FRUIT** to prove faith –

Not **SURE** you can ever be saved

Later in **London** – asked to min to a man about to be hanged

No choice – say – believe → saved – wondered – if true

Never be sure -

– had to demonstrate his faith by **good**

work

Realise – no chance to prove himself

Convinced that God's love great enough to reach – who can't perform

Later – prayer meeting – Moravians brothers – read Luther's

Commentary – **TESTIMONY** describing change which god works thru faith in Christ heart strangely warmed Felt Christ and Christ alone save

For the first time, John felt he was truly a Christian.

Started to preach – saved by faith

Started to preach grace – converted only 5 days ago

Not allowed to speak in State church and went to miners

Crowds of thous – fall – tongues – grace transforms

South America –

Amolonga

Productivity 1000 %; close down jail – pubs prosti drugs joints closed down → churches

Researches come – sci – Fuller – oh pray, fast, bind

When ack – sovereign act – focus on goodness of Christ and the gospel

Why do you learn from the people of Amolonga?

Don't have to push drugs, or gamble to buy merc by cash!

D can bless – not last, cannot enjoy

string – slave
God bless – minimum effort – maxi result

Wis from God – not human wis

Radish – 60 days to mature, now – 40 even 25 days

Used to be 4 trucks per month, now 40 per week

2. Jesus' peace can *overrule* your pains and imperfect situations

We are living – *imperf* – sin sick world – unfairness pain degeneration

God the gospel of grace and peace still guide

Col 3:15 And let the peace from Christ *rule* and act as umpire continually in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your hearts] to which as one body you were also called to live. And be *thankful* (appreciative), giving praise to God always. AMP

Let's look at one amazing

Psalm – Moses

Psalm 90: 10

The length of our days is seventy years--or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Some peo – take – God's will – 70 – 80

Times up – prepare to go home – 80 – stretch to my limit

What a description of man in his *fallen* sinful state

Moses *ack* – in midst of sin – life shortened – laden with all kinds of pains

Gen 6:3 For man's days will be a hundred and twenty years.

When **70-80** – don't have set mind

– time's catching up – anytime – 85 – give me this mt – 60 – only just teens – we pre teen

Key – receive gift of R – abundant provision of grace → 120

More grace – more peace – more wholeness

Psa 90:11

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. 12 Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Treasure and value every *moment* God gave us

How do we number our days?

Don't waste - treasure

Grumble – boring ... This the Day, the Lord has made – rejoice glad

Declare – day of *grace* favor opport blessings

Every day – **GREATEST** day – cant get it back

13 Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your *unfailing* love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Treasure his *love* – hesed

John – inside infor – foot of cross – right place and time – lived a ripe old age

15 Make us *glad* for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

Heb – permissive tense – man chose – no partnership – consequence

Free to make a choice – not consequence – pool

How can we be glad even in the worst situation?

Treasure the *blessings* despite the pain

Joseph 2 sons – Mannaseh – Ephraim

Manasaeh – forget

Realise can't

Ephraim – double blessings

Wrong idea – if only – *fair* – parent – country – economy – happy - **PRIN**

Wait until heaven

Fact – you can be *blessed* and *happy* in the worst situation

If stuck – can't *enjoy* blessings even when there

ADAM – root of sin - **rob**

God gave every – upset one little fruit, little tree

16 May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

Treasure our *legacy*

How do we leave a great legacy to our children when we are brought up in the worst family background?

You can choose: make a *diff*

Break the cycle of pain – instead passing to children

I *hate* – drunken – sin pass down – you be same drunken

Matthew 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

If he say *sorry* – I will forgive – you put yourself - **bondage**

Stupid – *allow* those hurt you to continue to hurt you

Oh – give me time, few more months, that means few more months of pain, why so stupid!

Forgive – *your* sake

OK forgive – can't *honor!*

Honor those – can honor

Ephesians 6:2-3 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise- 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

It didn't say – only those good

1 Peter 2:18 ... harsh

18 Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

Your sake – break the **cycle** of pain

Leave a great legacy

Blessed – all - Live long

I cant – don't *try* – **see** - transform

Ps 90:17

*And let the *beauty* and delightfulness and favor of the Lord our God be upon us; confirm and establish the work of our hands--yes, the work of our hands, confirm and establish it.*

Est work of hand – make us successful in the midst of
How to deal with people that disappoint us?

Treasure his beauty

BAD PICT – failed to see generosity – feel - fact

Matt 25 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Harsh? He receive what he believed

See HIM harsh – harsh on yourself and **others**

Greatest cause of **REL** prob – not filled with grace

Name me your heroes! ...

– never shed blood for you

PROB: Focus on **peo** – will be disappointed

Oh my parent, country, ...disappointed

BEST of best may disappoint – even **Moses**

Law giver himself missed the land

Law is **GOOD** – man in his sin – not able

Moses did enter – Mt – saw Jesus

Focus on **Jesus**

If focus on the **pain** – rob of enjoyment of the blessings

Come – receive Grace –

go into peace →

empowered, transformed,

overrule painful and the

worst situation