

John # 11

“Grace in Place of Grace”

John 1:16

Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Triune Godhead became a man with genuine human flesh, thus making Him the unique God-man.

The purpose of Jesus Christ’s dwelling among us in His First Advent is: to reveal God to us; provide an example for us; provide an effective sacrifice for sin; fulfill the Davidic Covenant; destroy the works of the devil; be a sympathetic High Priest and be a qualified Judge for the human race.

When Jesus Christ entered the world, He came *full of grace* referring to the Father’s plan devised in eternity past; a plan we call operation grace.

The Father accomplished the work of providing the strategy for our salvation; a strategy that must include a personal, identical substitute for mankind; so the Second Person of the Trinity chimed in, in eternity past and offered to take on humanity and go to a cross that He did not deserve.

Then, the Third Person of the Trinity agreed to reveal the ramifications of the cross as a Beacon highlighting the cross, showing man that the only way of salvation is Jesus Christ’s cross.

All this was formulated in eternity past before the historical cross, so when the Word came into the world, He was over-flowing with grace which is the policy of the plan of God; so the Lord Jesus Christ was quite frankly, full of the plan of God.

John knew full well of the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ and he was anything but intimidated by it.

John the Baptist was completely oriented to the grace plan of God, so he understood clearly that he never could or deserve anything from God.

John the Baptist lived an intensely concentrated life which centered around the Lord Jesus Christ.

He believed that when God placed him in a specific location, he could glorify God from that location and through it all, God would provide everything necessary for him to be a winner in the spiritual life.

The first grace mentioned in *John 1:16* is living grace support for believers and the second grace refers to salvation grace for positive unbelievers.

God knew our needs from eternity past and provided for them.

The Christian life is the constant reception of one evidence of God's grace after another.

Just as God provided everything necessary for salvation, He provides everything, in the form of Divine operating assets, in Phase 2 of His plan.

Just as the humanity of Christ matured under this powerful system of Divine operating assets, Church Age believers have the same extraordinary opportunity to advance spiritually.(Luke 2:40,52).

Luke 2:40-And the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him. 52-And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men.

Spiritual victory comes from using Divine operating assets.

Mystery doctrine reveals our “Politeuma” privileges.

We who are Church Age believers are the nobility of Heaven, residing on earth with three major privileges: 1. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

2. The Unique Spiritual Life

3. The Mystery Doctrine Revealed

Election is the sovereign expression in eternity past of God's will for the Church Age believer.

Proverbs 8:30-31-Then I (biblical truth) was beside Him, as a master craftsman; and I (biblical truth) was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world and my (biblical truth's) delight was with the sons of men.

Pressures in life are designed to accelerate our spiritual growth.

Service is not the first priority for the new believer, Bible study is.

Not everything that is generally considered Christian service is effective Christian service.