

*Philippians #39*

**“Super-naturalized Citizens”**

*Philippians 3:17-21*

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart*

*of the sea,” Psalm 46:1-2*

**This world is not our home so don't get too comfortable; God's life-changing truth for us, is “We're not home yet!”**

Actually, if we're truly Heavenly minded, we become as earthly good as possible because we are most relaxed and prepared to effectively share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Whatever your problem, it makes no difference because God is willing and waiting to pour out grace blessing to you!**

God's justice is free to bless where there is no compromise to that justice.

**God prepared the grace means of learning where the believer is able to understand the entire realm of biblical truth if he so desires.**

The angels who are still able to observe the struggle in time between rebellion and greater-grace. carnality and spirituality, error and truth, suffering and triumph, are learning of the grace of God by watching you!

**When an angel or a man sees us totally adjusted to the justice of God, moving forward right through adversity without panic or falling apart, without crying,**

**“Why me, Lord?” but letting “perseverance finish its work” Jas 1:4, then God is glorified and we are blessed!**

The apostle Paul serves as the highest-ranking under-shepherd or pastor of the early Gentile churches and no believer can advance beyond the spiritual growth of his pastor-teacher.

**This is the self-discipline of the function of learning, thinking about and applying the Word of God; it's what is expected to occur in a believer who is positive toward biblical truth, understanding the importance of it over any human personality in any situation.**

Respect for the pastor must be for the message because it's the message he has in his soul from his Bible study that is the basis of his personal advance and also the basis of the congregation's personal advance.

Paul is the pattern of rebellion recovery and advance to greater-grace.

**Phil 3:18 declares the historical reality of Paul's epistles as a part of the canon of Scripture, which is a monument forever to the importance of persistence in the pastor's study and teaching; the only true concept of communication by which all believers grow.**

In the 1st century, the rebellious believer and not the unbeliever, was the greatest enemy of Christianity.

The cross exemplifies grace.

The Judaizers are treating their stomachs like gods, who are either appeased or angered by consumption of certain foods - instead of following Paul's God, who seeks faith alone in Christ alone.

**The rebellious believer produces this action of being under the influence of evil.**

Because of what Jesus Christ has done, whether a believer grows in grace or not or understands that the road to glory leads from saving grace at the cross to living grace to greater-grace to dying grace and then to surpassing grace, there is perfect security for him.

**Paul is using *politeuma* as an illustration to these people for the royal family of God living in the devil's world and yet just as much royal family as anyone in Heaven at that time!**

But grace means that ultimate sanctification belongs to the rebellious believer too.

*The anticipation is for the Rapture, so we anticipate the transfer of the entire aristocracy of royal privilege, to the Church.*

**Even though God will not bring the rebellious believer under His authority now, there will be a time when He will; not now because of the angelic dispute, so the believer must be free to run with or reject biblical truth, per God's grace plan.**

All unbelievers and fallen angels will be in the Lake of Fire under the authority of God and all believers, regardless of how they failed or succeeded, along with all elect angels, will be totally under the authority of God.

**The body we have at the present time isn't vile/KJV, it's an excellently created body and the only thing bad about it, is that it contains a sin nature.**

This is the resurrection body of Jesus Christ and we will have one exactly like it, with one exception: no scars in the hands and feet!

That's the Christian's life on Earth;

we live to share the Gospel, make a living and survive, but we don't belong here.