



## Strange to the World of Unbelievers

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One great thing and benefit those of us who are in Christ Jesus really enjoy free and in abundance is the powerful grace of God. This biblical concept is very strange to the unbelievers who depend on self-effort unfortunately, but it can be their portion as well if only they would yield to Holy Spirit bidding. I cannot, but daily rejoice and thank God for such a great blessing, especially bearing in mind Apostle Paul's word on subject matter thus: "All of us lived among them (i.e. those dead in their transgressions and sins) at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh, and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of (God's) wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved" (Ephesians 2:3-5). The grace of God is a mystery from the heart of God whom we disobey and sin against and this is why we must always be thankful to Him and really allow our transformed life by the power of the Holy Spirit to daily blossom to honor God.

The grace of God for us is and should not only be seen from the view point of our salvation, but literally in every area of our life if we are wise. Even our very life itself which we celebrate daily, and every year is given to us by God because we didn't create ourselves, but God did. God did not only create and give us life, but every talents and gifts that we have are from Him. The word of God says that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows (James 1:17). We must also add that the length of our individual life also depends on Him because He is the One who gives and takes away (Job 1:21; Ecclesiastes 3:2). For the wise, God is the Source, Giver, and Essence of our being and life. Without Him, we don't exist and live. It is not surprising that the Bible says, "It is a fool who says in his heart there is no God" (Psalm 14:1). The bible also says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7). I conclude by enjoining each one of us to tap into the reality of God and His sufficient grace for a great, purposeful meaningful and fulfilling life in Christ.

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