

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2026**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES —
FIRST AND SECOND TIMOTHY AND TITUS**

Message Eight

Empowered in the Grace

Scripture Reading: Eph. 6:10; 2 Tim. 1:9; 2:1;
John 1:17; Eph. 2:5, 7; 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 13:14

Eph. 6:10—Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

2 Tim. 1:9—Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages

2 Tim. 2:1—You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;

John 1:17—For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

Eph. 2:5—Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

Eph. 2:7—That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

1 Cor. 15:10—But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

2 Cor. 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

I. “Be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength”—Eph. 6:10:

- A. The Greek word here rendered “empowered” has the same root as the word for “power” in 1:19.

Eph. 1:19—And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the operation of the might of His strength,

- B. “Be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus”—2 Tim. 2:1:

1. The apostle Paul had experienced the empowering of grace in life (1:9-12); now he exhorted Timothy to be empowered in the same grace.

2 Tim. 1:9-12—Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages ¹⁰But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and

incorruption to light through the gospel, ¹¹For which I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹²For which cause also I suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard my deposit unto that day.

2. God's purpose is to put us into Christ and make us one with Him to share His life and position that we may be His testimony—v. 9.

2 Tim. 1:9—Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages

3. Grace is God's provision in life given to us that we may live out His purpose—"grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages"—v. 9.

2 Tim. 1:9—Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages

- C. To deal with God's enemy, to fight against the evil force of darkness, we need to be empowered with the greatness of the power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the heavenlies, far above all the evil spirits in the air.
- D. The fact that we are to be empowered in the Lord indicates that in the spiritual warfare against Satan and his evil kingdom, we can fight only in the Lord, not in ourselves.
- E. Whenever we are in ourselves, we are defeated; therefore, we need to be empowered in the Lord; that is, we need to experience Christ as our power who strengthens us inwardly, saturating every part of our being.
- F. When Christ empowers us as the heavenly dynamo and energizes us from within, He saturates us and invigorates us.

II. "In the grace"—2:1:

- A. The grace of God is a matter of tremendous significance:

1. Grace enables us to enjoy God.
2. "Grace...came through Jesus Christ"—John 1:17.
3. When we enjoy God and participate in Him, that is grace.
4. In Ephesians 2:7 Paul indicates that God will "display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."
5. To display the riches of God's grace is to exhibit them to the whole universe.
6. Ephesians 2:5 reveals that the saving grace is God Himself in Christ wrought into our being; to be saved by grace means to be saved by the dispensing of the Triune God into us.

Eph. 2:5—Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

- B. There are different aspects of grace:

1. Great grace—Acts 4:33.

Acts 4:33—And with great power the apostles gave testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

2. Visible grace—11:23.
Acts 11:23—Who, when he arrived and saw the grace of God, rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain with the Lord with purpose of heart;
3. Grace saving us—Eph. 2:5; Titus 2:11; 2 Tim. 1:9.
Eph. 2:5—Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)
Titus 2:11—For the grace of God, bringing salvation to all men, has appeared,
2 Tim. 1:9—Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages
4. Grace empowering us—2:1.
2 Tim. 2:1—You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;
5. Grace imparted—Gal. 2:9.
Gal. 2:9—And perceiving the grace given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and to Barnabas the right hand of fellowship that we *should go* to the Gentiles, and they, to the circumcision.
6. The real grace—John 1:14, 16-17.
John 1:14—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
John 1:16-17—For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.
7. Commended to the grace of God—Acts 14:26.
Acts 14:26—And from there they sailed away to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.
8. Grace to function—Eph. 3:8.
Eph. 3:8—To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
9. “Grace for timely help”—Heb. 4:16.
Heb. 4:16—Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
10. Abounding, reigning grace—Rom. 5:2, 15, 20-21.
Rom. 5:2—Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.
Rom. 5:15—But *it is not that* as the offense was, so also the gracious gift is; for if by the offense of the one the many died, much more the grace of God and the free gift in grace of the one man Jesus Christ have abounded to the many.
Rom. 5:20-21—And the law entered in alongside that the offense might abound; but where sin abounded, grace has superabounded, ²¹In order that just as sin reigned in

death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

11. Justified by His grace—3:24.

Rom. 3:24—Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

12. Gifts according to the grace—12:6.

Rom. 12:6—And having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

13. Sufficient grace—2 Cor. 12:9.

2 Cor. 12:9—And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

14. “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ”—13:14.

2 Cor. 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

15. Grace with our spirit—Gal. 6:18; 1 Cor. 16:23; 2 Tim. 4:22.

Gal. 6:18—The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

1 Cor. 16:23—The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22—The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

- C. Grace is the greatest truth and the highest revelation of God’s New Testament economy—John 1:14; Heb. 10:29; 1 Cor. 15:10; Phil. 4:23:

John 1:14—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Heb. 10:29—By how much do you think he will be thought worthy of worse punishment who has trampled underfoot the Son of God and has considered the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

1 Cor. 15:10—But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

Phil. 4:23—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

1. Grace is the Triune God processed and consummated for us so that we may enjoy Him—John 1:16-17; 1 Pet. 5:10.

John 1:16-17—For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

1 Pet. 5:10—But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, *and* ground you.

2. Grace is the wonderful Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God in three aspects—Gal. 6:18; Phil. 4:23; Philem. 25:

Gal. 6:18—The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Phil. 4:23—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Philem. 25—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

- a. Grace is the wonderful Christ in what He is— John 8:58; Rom. 5:17.

John 8:58—Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.

Rom. 5:17—For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

- b. Grace is the wonderful Christ given to us, dispensed into us, superabounding with faith and love in Christ Jesus—1 Tim. 1:14.

1 Tim. 1:14—And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

- c. Grace is the wonderful Christ doing everything in us on our behalf—1 Cor. 15:10, 58; 2 Cor. 12:9.

1 Cor. 15:10—But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

1 Cor. 15:58—Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Cor. 12:9—And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

3. Grace is the manifestation of the Triune God in His embodiment in three aspects—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—13:14; Num. 6:22-27; Psa. 36:8-9: **2 Cor. 13:14**—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Num. 6:22-27—Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²³Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the children of Israel; you shall say to them, ²⁴Jehovah bless you and keep you; ²⁵Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷So shall they put My name upon the children of Israel, that I Myself may bless them.

Psa. 36:8-9—They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures. ⁹For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

- a. The New Testament is a history of the grace of God as the incarnation of the Triune God in His Divine Trinity processed and consummated and moving and living in and among the believers—John 1:14, 16-17; Rev. 22:21.

John 1:14—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

John 1:16-17—For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

Rev. 22:21—The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

- b. Grace is the Triune God in His incarnation to be dispensed into the believers by the Father as the source, by the Son as the element, and by the Spirit as the application—2 Cor. 13:14:

2 Cor. 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- (1) The source of grace, the element of grace, and the application of grace are the three persons of the Divine Trinity to be our everything—Matt. 28:19.

Matt. 28:19—Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

- (2) In the divine dispensing, grace is called the grace of God, the grace of Christ, and the grace of which the Spirit is—1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 1:12; 8:1, 9; 9:14; 12:9; 13:14; Heb. 10:29.

1 Cor. 15:10—But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

2 Cor. 1:12—For our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you.

2 Cor. 8:1—Furthermore we make known to you, brothers, the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,

2 Cor. 8:9—For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, for your sakes He became poor in order that you, because of His poverty, might become rich.

2 Cor. 9:14—While in petition on your behalf they also long after you on account of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

2 Cor. 12:9—And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

2 Cor. 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Heb. 10:29—By how much do you think he will be thought worthy of worse punishment who has trampled underfoot the Son of God and has considered

the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

- c. Grace is the embodiment of God, who became a God-man with divinity and humanity, passed through human living, died, resurrected, and entered into ascension; now He is the life-giving Spirit dwelling in us—1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17.

1 Cor. 15:45—So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul”; the last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit.

1 Cor. 6:17—But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

- d. Without being processed, the Triune God could not be grace to us—John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b:

John 1:14—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

1 Cor. 15:45—So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul”; the last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit.

- (1) The Father is embodied in the Son, the Son is realized as the Spirit, and the Spirit enters into us as grace for our enjoyment—Heb. 10:29.

Heb. 10:29—By how much do you think he will be thought worthy of worse punishment who has trampled underfoot the Son of God and has considered the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

- (2) The processed and consummated Triune God dispenses Himself into us to be our portion as grace so that we may enjoy Him as everything in His Divine Trinity—2 Cor. 13:14.

2 Cor. 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

D. “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen”—Rev. 22:21.