

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

GRACE IS ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE AND WILL DO BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS CHRIST DID!!!

Sermon Series: **Perseverance (2 Timothy)**

PERSEVERANCE – BY THE STRENGTH OF GRACE!

2 Timothy 2:1-13 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

James 5:11 NIV

Compassion and mercy are the byproducts of God’s Grace!!

Titus 2:14 NKJV

That is what Grace Strengthens so to do, be “zealous of good works!”

For many of us, our paradigm needs to change, regarding our concept of Grace
from something that we Received,
to that which is a Resource for us, as well!

2 Timothy 2:1 says:

“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

Pastor Jim Cobrae, founding Pastor of the Rock Church, coined this definition of Grace,
*Grace is God’s sovereign divine ability to get the job done on my behalf
when I can’t do it.*

Pastor Deborah Cobrae adds:

It is God’s power in me to do what His truth demands of me.

GRACE STRENGTHENS US TO BE...

1) _____ - 2 Timothy 2:2 NKJV

- **Commit** (Greek: *paratithemi*) = is an imperative and carries the idea of depositing something valuable for safekeeping. To entrust!
- **Faithful** (Greek: *pistos*) = reliable, one who trust in, trustworthy.

2) _____ - 2 Timothy 2:3-5 NKJV

- **Endure hardship** (Greek: *synkakopatheo*) = *suffer hardship with*
Compound verb means *to suffer evil or pain along with someone else.*
One scholar translates the phrase, *“take one’s share of rough treatment.”*
Difficult for Christians in most of the Western world to understand what serious spiritual warfare and suffering for Christ means.
- **Engaged** (Greek: *strateuo*) = *wage war, fight*
- **Competes** (Greek: *athleo*) = *strive for mastery, struggle, contend.*
A struggle that requires great determination to win.
Our spiritual competition is not against other believers.
 - *Trying to out-perform them in terms our spirituality.*
 - *No, our competition is against:*
 - *our flesh*
 - *the world*
 - *the Devil and those who serve him*
 - ***Our goal*** is to *“Press on toward the goal of the prize of the upward call of God is Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 3:14)

3) _____ - 2 Timothy 2:6 NKJV

- **Hardworking** (Greek: *kopiao*) = *to toil intensely, to sweat and strain to the point of exhaustion if necessary.*
- **First to Partake:**
 - **The hardworking farmer** received not only a greater share but also ***the first... share of the crops.***
 - **The Teacher** has reward in knowing he has enriched the lives of his student.
 - **The Soldier** has the reward of pleasing his commander in chief.
 - **The Athlete** has the reward of a trophy.
 - **The Farmer** has the reward of the first and best share of the corps.

4) _____ - 2 Timothy 2:7 NKJV

- **Consider** (Greek: *noeo*) = used only here in NT.
Denotes perceiving clearly with the mind, of understanding fully, of considering carefully, of pondering and mulling over.
Form is an imperative - indicating strong admonition, not mere advice.
- *Paul was implying there are certain things that a Spiritual Christian, who seeks to persevere is his/her faith needs to consider.*
- Grace will provide strength for things like:
 - *enduring suffering for the faith*
 - *avoiding getting entangled with the things of the World*
 - *obeying faithfully the command of God*
 - *Lifestyle he should live that reflects the character of God*
- *Believers will enjoy things like:*
 - *Victory for faithfulness*
 - *Rewards for dedication*
 - *Disciplined life by the power of the HS*
 - *Selfless Life which God deems as Precious in His sight*

Paul says, *“Steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord!”* (1 Corinthians 15:58)

5) _____ - 2 Timothy 2:8-9 NKJV

- *I Suffer trouble as an Evildoer, ever to the point of chains...*
- *But the Word is Not Chained!!!!*

6) _____ - 2 Timothy 2:10 NKJV

- Endure (Greek: *kakopatheo*) = *I suffer trouble.*
- *To obtain* (Greek: *tunchano*) = *indicates a purpose clause.*
A more exact rendering - *“in order that”*

The unbelievers to whom he witnessed might obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus. Paul not only suffered because his faithfulness to Christ provoked it, but because, like the Lord, he was “not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9)

7) _____ - 2 Timothy 2:11-13 NKJV

(Inclined to lay down principles as incontrovertibly true; meaning insistent, emphatic, adamant.)

In verse 11, He seems to use it to introduce truths that are unquestionable, that were commonly known and believed in the early church.

Truths as he states:

- *For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.*
- *If we endure, We shall also reign with Him.*
- *If we deny Him, He also will deny us.*
- *If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.*
