

1. Last week I taught in part 1Ti 1:2. When time expired we were studying the phrase "grace, mercy and peace."
2. Before we resume that analysis you may want to use the provisions of 1Jo 1:9 by silently naming your sins to God as the Holy Spirit may or may not show.
3. Now that the decks have been cleared for action, let's take a look at an expanded translation of 1Ti 1:1.

1Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, by the command of God the Father, our Savior and Christ Jesus our hope and guarantor of all that awaits us both in time and eternity,

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of the verse which in the KJV has been rendered "*Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith ...*" noting it might better be translated "**to Timothy my reliable student and mature son in the Christian faith ...**"
5. The entire verse has been translated:

KJV- Sentence continues

1Ti 1:2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

6. And now for the phrase "grace, mercy and peace."

GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE **χαρις, ελεος, ειρηνη**

1. **Charis, Eleos, Eirene** is better translated "God's plan, God's plan in action and the peace and stability resulting from His plan ..."

2. Let's look at the meaning of each of these.

2.1 **Charis** technically means "God's plan."

2.1.1 Grace is also all that God is free to do for you and for me on the basis of the cross without in any way compromising His integrity.

2.1.2 Grace depends upon Who and What God is and not who and what we are.

2.1.3 The plan of God was designed in eternity past, a plan which included full knowledge of all that would occur, including all of our choices and actions. The Father's plan also included all of the choices and actions of our Savior during His hypostatic union.

Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge (**Prognosis**) of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**.

Eph 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Eph 1:5 In love (**Agape**) he predestined (**Proorizo**) us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--

2.1.4 In Eph 1:4 the word for creation comes from the Greek noun **Katabole** and means "a founding, a conception"; therefore, with the preposition **Pro** it means "that which was established in eternity past before time was."

Isa 48:16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

2.1.5 This emphasizes the eternal nature of God, His eternal life, His omniscience and His sovereignty. Accordingly we can thank Him in all things. As an anonymous writer has written: "God, if I had your sovereignty there would be many things I would change, but if I had your omniscience I would leave everything the same."

2.1.6 The plan of God is totally based on His grace, i.e. all that He is free to do for us on the basis of the cross. After salvation we are to grow in grace by means of a knowledge of Him.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2Pe 3:18 And now we are to grow in grace, by means of the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2.1.7 The beneficiary of the plan of God is the believer. Before time God saw all of our choices, the good, the bad and the ugly and from His sovereignty designed circumstances for our benefit, all of this without in any way violating the first divine

institution--volition.

2.1.8 The plan of God is revealed through His Word which is the mind of Christ, or doctrine.

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind ...

2.1.9 We enter the plan of God because Jesus made it all possible--even the giving of the gifts which are bestowed by the Holy Spirit as He, the Holy Spirit, wills.

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

1Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the self same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

2.1.10 The plan of God is revealed to man by the Holy Spirit, through the Word.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall categorically teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

2.1.11 Given the Fall and our choices, life cannot be "fair"; therefore, we need the Word taught by the Holy Spirit to avoid bitterness. The plan of God is best described as less than the best given our imperfections.

2.1.12 The plan of God can cause disillusionment. Disillusionment is a "reaction factor" in the early phase of reversionism and tends to intensify jealousy, boredom, self-pity, loneliness and bitterness.

2.1.13 Disillusionment is really anger against God's "perfect plan." To become disillusioned with the plan of God requires supreme arrogance. God gave us an example

in the Old Testament, a king named Hezekiah, a pretty good king, but like us he was plagued with frailty.

Isa 38:3 "Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly."

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