

**Paul's Closing Comments—"Glory and Grace"
(Philippians 4:20-23)**

I. Paul's Closing _____ (v. 20-23)

A. Give _____ to God (v. 20)

It has been well stated that, "The chief end of man is to glorify God." Frequently in Scripture we are directed to give glory to God.

Psalm 115:1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.

Cf. Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11

The whole purpose for our being created was to give the Lord pleasure, glory and honor.

Cf. Philippians 1:11

Paul's theme of his letter has been joy—the Christian's joy in life. One of the ways in which we best magnify the Lord and give Him glory is to live a joyful life.

B. Grant _____ to God's Followers (v. 23)

The "grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" is His undeserved favor in helping us accomplish all that He calls us to do.

1. God's _____ Grace (2 Corinthians 9:8)

God's super abounding grace is _____ available to help the humbly, dependant believer accomplish whatever pleases God in any given situation.

2. God's _____ - _____ Grace (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Paul is adamant that God desires to give His grace in such abundance that we can _____ be content.

3. God's _____ Grace

The Challenge: "I know that God's grace is more than enough for every situation of life, BUT! (fill in excuse)"

a. God's grace is at _____—_____! (Php. 2:13)

Q: If God is always at work in my life why do I still fail?

b. God's grace is _____ (2 Cor. 12:9-10)

The key to God's grace being effective in our lives is submission, humility and dependence.

The "strength" of God is "made perfect" in that it is manifested in the weakness of the humble believer. God's power becomes a reality in the life of the believer when he ceases to rely upon his own strength and in turn depends upon God for strength.

1 Peter 5:5b ...for God resisteth the proud [*the one insisting on his own way*], and giveth grace to the humble [*the one submitting to God's way*].

II. Paul's Continued _____

A. His _____ (Philippians 1:1, 21)

1. He had a _____ mindset

2. He had a _____ - _____ mindset

2 Corinthians 5:15 And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.

Our supreme goal should be to live for Christ.

Q: What defines your perspective?

B. His _____ (Philippians 2:5-8, 15 & 3:17)

Q: What is your pattern that you seek to be like? Who do you look like?

C. His _____ (Philippians 3:9-10, 12, & 14)

Q: What prize are you pursuing? What drives you? What are you passionate about?

D. His Peace (Philippians 4:1 & 11)

It was Christ that stabilized Paul, giving him peace that surpassed all understanding as he stood fast in the Lord.

Summary: A joyful life is realized when we rely upon God to be the source of our joy. Joy comes with a **Christ**-defined *perspective* as we *pattern* our lives after **Christ**, pursuing **Him** as our *prize*, and resting in **God alone** for our *peace*.

- _____ the stabilizing truths of God
- _____ upon God to be faithful to His Word
- _____ in obedience