

Church in Regina

Being a Vessel Unto Honor, A Fully Equipped Man of God, By Being Empowered in the Grace
Which is in Christ Jesus to Fully Accomplish Our Ministry in the Unique Ministry of God's Economy—Week 3

In 2 Timothy 1 we see that we may **experience** and **enjoy** Christ as **the One who brought life and incorruption to light** in order that we might know life and incorruption. It is through the gospel that Christ brought life and incorruption to light (v. 10). While we may know life and incorruption, the unbelievers know only death and corruption because they have not yet heard or received the gospel. If they **hear** and **receive** the gospel, it will bring eternal life and eternal incorruption to light so that they may know life and incorruption as we do. **The more we preach the gospel, the more life and incorruption will be brought to light.** On the one hand, Christ appeared with grace; that is, He came with grace. On the other hand, by His death and resurrection, Christ nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel in order to fulfill the promise of life for a believer to be an apostle.

In verses 9 and 10 Paul tells us that the grace of God, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages, now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus. **Grace is God's provision in life given to us so that we may live out His purpose.** This grace given to us in Christ was bestowed on us before the world began. God's grace was given to us in eternity, but it was manifested and applied to us through our Lord's first coming, in which He nullified death and brought life to us (Heb. 9:26). Because this grace was manifested through the appearing of Christ, Old Testament saints such as Abraham and David did not experience it. **The grace destined to be given to us came with the appearing of the Lord Jesus.** This grace is **not merely a blessing; it is a person, the Triune God Himself** given to us to be our enjoyment. This grace came when the Lord Jesus appeared, and **now it is with us today.**

Grace did not come until the Lord Jesus came. This is indicated by John 1:17, which says, "Grace and reality came through Jesus Christ." The grace which came through Jesus Christ is **nothing less than the Triune God dispensed into us** for our enjoyment. This grace carries out God's purpose and enables us to reach His goal.

Grace works in **two ways**. It works **negatively to nullify death**, and it works **positively to bring in life and incorruption**. This work of grace is still taking place within us. Today in the church life grace is nullifying death and bringing life and incorruption to light through the gospel. Many people need to hear that the gospel of grace nullifies death and brings in life and incorruption.

In 2 Timothy 1:10 Paul tells us that Christ nullified death. This means that He made death of none effect through His devil-destroying death (Heb. 2:14) and death-swallowing resurrection (1 Cor. 15:52-54). Christ was manifested to nullify death and to bring in eternal, indestructible life. **He not only defeated death—He nullified it.** Through His resurrection, death has become of none effect; death has lost its power, even its taste. **Christ could nullify death because He destroyed the devil, the one who has the might of death.** Of course, by overcoming Satan and nullifying death, the Lord Jesus also defeated Hades and the grave. Therefore, Christ's resurrection declares that He is victorious over death, Satan, Hades, and the grave (vv. 55-57). **No longer are these a problem.** Christ's resurrection was not only God's vindication and the Lord's success but also His victory over death, Satan, Hades, and the grave. Christ through His resurrection has made this troublesome group of none effect. His resurrection demonstrated that He triumphed over Satan, death, Hades, and the grave (Heb. 2:14; Acts 2:31). Through His resurrection **He became the life-giving Spirit** (1 Cor. 15:45b) to impart God's life to us (John 3:15) and regenerate us (1 Pet. 1:3). Thus, having nullified death through His death, He brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel in His resurrection (Excerpts from Experiencing, Enjoying and Expressing Christ in the Epistles, p.3675).

Local Announcements:

1. Combined Prayer Meeting by Zoom
2. Love Feast and Sisters' Mtg—Oct 13
3. Church Pursuit—Oct 14
4. Winter Training Deadline of Registration—Nov 1

Conferences and Trainings Information:

1. Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference—Feb.10-11, Taipei, Taiwan
2. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Apr.12-14, Anaheim, CA
3. Memorial Day Blending Conference—May 24-27, Bellevue, WA
4. Summer Training—July 1-6, Anaheim, CA
5. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Oct.4-6, Warsaw, Poland
6. Thanksgiving Blending Conference—Nov.28-Dec.1, Atlanta, GA
7. Winter Training—Dec.23-28, Anaheim, CA

Prayer Burdens

1. Thank You, Lord for Your resurrection life – the life that defeats and swallows up death. Through Your resurrection, we experience victory over death and will put on incorruptibility at the time of Your coming.
2. Lord, You are the bronze serpent who was crucified on the cross to deal with the flesh, sin, Satan, and the world. We simply look at You as the reality of the bronze serpent and our Redeemer.
3. Lord, it is through the gospel that You brought life and incorruption to light. May we all have this burden for the gospel to save sinners, nullify death, and bring grace to them.
4. We praise You for Your victory over death. You arose as a man and rose up as God from the dead. Not only did You satisfy the Father but also became the holy and faithful gift to us from God.
5. We praise You for Your work on the cross, for terminating the old creation and germinating the new creation, bringing to us the divine life. Cause us to remain in You and keep living in You in the new creation.
6. Lord, You are both God and Man, the seed of David and the Lord of David. Continue to have the first place in all things in our personal life and in the church life.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones in Warsaw, Poland on October 4 to 6. Remember all the traveling brothers. Preserve their tripartite being that they may be fully opened to receive Your up-to-date speaking.

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1. Pray for our contacts: Abe Friesen, Shane McClellan, David Hyman, Lianne and Jeff Racette, Patricia Schurman and Daniel Clark, Anthony and Celeste Sernat and family, Orlando Sernat and family, Jun and Divine Linantud, Charles and Janet Argawanon (Yorkton SK), and William Mejares Temonio and family (Stenen SK).
2. Special petition and prayer for Sister Diana Ballao and her pregnancy. May she have a normal delivery of the twin boys with no complications.
3. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the immigration papers:
 - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina) - PR Application
 - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children) - PR Application
 - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children) - PR Application
 - > Miranda Family (Ann Margarette and her family) - PR Application

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- Home Meeting—Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM
- Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—MW 8:30-9:00PM
- College Meetings—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- YP Meetings—Fridays 7:00-8:00 PM
- Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-9:00PM

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