



**The Riches of Divine Grace**

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**Introduction**

**VINCE LOMBARDI ON WINNING**



“Winning is not a sometime thing; it’s an all-time thing. You don’t win once in a while, you don’t do things right once in a while, you do the right all the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing.”

“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.”

“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.”

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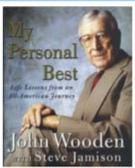
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**Introduction**

**JOHN WOODEN ON WINNING**

“Remember, results aren’t the criteria for success — it’s the effort made for achievement that is most important.”

“It is most difficult, in my mind, to separate any success, whether it be in your profession, your family, or as in my case, in basketball, from religion.”



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**Introduction**

**GOD'S WORD ALSO HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT WINNING...**

**2 Timothy 2:5**  
 Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes **according to the rules**.

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**GOD'S WORD ALSO HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT WINNING...**

**1 Corinthians 9:24-26a**  
<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? **Run in such a way that you may win.** <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I run in such a way, as **not without aim**;....

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**GOD'S WORD ALSO HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT WINNING...**

<p><b>1 Cor. 15:57</b>          τῷ δὲ θεῷ χάρις τῷ  <b>δίδόντι</b> ἡμῖν τὸ <b>νίκος</b>          διὰ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν          Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.</p>	<p><b>1 Cor. 15:57</b>          but thanks be to God,  <b>who gives us the</b>  <b>victory</b> through our          Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
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Δίδωμι is the most common expression for the procedure whereby a subject deliberately transfers something to someone or something so that it becomes available to the recipient. (EDNT)  
 τὸ νίκος – victory; victory-prize. Cognate words: νικάω, νίκη, ὑπερνικάω (LALGNT)

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**Introduction**

**GOD'S WORD ALSO HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT WINNING...**

<p><b>Rom. 8:37</b></p> <p>"Yet in all these things we are <b>more than conquerors</b> through Him who loved us..."</p> <p><small>ὕπερνικῶς: to be completely and overwhelmingly victorious (GELNT: Based on Semantic Domains.)</small></p>	<p><b>2 Cor. 2:14</b></p> <p>"Now thanks be to God who always <b>leads us in triumph</b> in Christ..."</p> <p><small>ἑξαμβέλω: lead in a triumphal procession, BADG...a synonym of νικῶ.</small></p>
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**Introduction**

**SO WHY AREN'T WE ENJOYING CONTINUOUS SPIRITUAL VICTORY IN OUR LIVES?**

1. We aren't competing *according to the set rules*.
2. We're aren't competing to win because *our aim is off*.
3. We aren't *prepared to receive* Christ's victory baton.
4. In our ignorance, we attempt to secure our own victory by means of *the Law and the Flesh*.
5. We do not sufficiently understand what *Christ's victory at the Cross secured for us*.

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**Introduction**

**THE DILEMMA – NO ENABLEMENT UNDER THE LAW!**



**Luke 10:25–28**

<sup>25</sup>And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>And [Jesus] said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" <sup>27</sup>And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And [Jesus] said to him, "You have answered correctly; **do this and you will live.**"

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**Introduction**

**THE DILEMMA – NO ENABLEMENT THROUGH THE FLESH!**

**Romans 7:18**

For I know that **nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh**; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.




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**Introduction**

**THE DILEMMA – NO ENABLEMENT THROUGH THE FLESH!**

**Romans 8:6–8**

<sup>6</sup> For **the mind set on the flesh** is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, <sup>7</sup> because the mind set on the flesh **is hostile toward God**; for it **does not subject itself** to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*,<sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh **cannot please God**.

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**Introduction**

**THE DILEMMA – NO ENABLEMENT THROUGH THE FLESH!**



“As long as we think lightly of the fact of the presence with us of the fallen nature, ***(I speak of Christians)*** we are far from deliverance....It is because people do not recognize their all-badness that they do not find Christ all in all to them....**those who have received a knowledge of the truth and are addressed by the apostle as among God’s people, may yet be choosing a flesh-walk...**”.

Newell, W. R. (n.d.). Romans Verse-by-Verse (p. 194). Grand Rapids, MI: Christian Classics Ethereal Library.

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**Introduction**

*The Sad Case of the Ill-informed Passenger*



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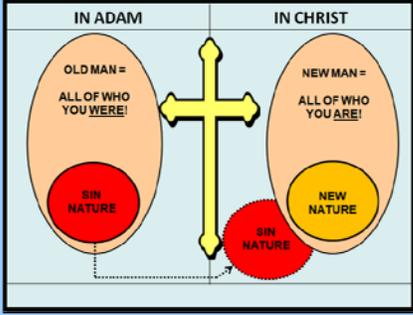
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**Introduction**

**ILLITERATE BELIEVERS?**



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**The Riches of Divine Grace**

- I. Definition
- II. The Three Tenses of Salvation
- III. Position vs. Condition
- IV. The Essential Character of the Riches of Divine Grace
- V. 33 Riches of Divine Grace

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**Defining the Riches of Divine Grace**

**The Riches of Divine Grace:**

- comprehend the Doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology) and are the sum total of those things **divinely accomplished** for the individual **at the instant of belief alone**.
- form that aspect of salvation which is **already accomplished** in and for the one who believes.
- **illustrate and illuminate** the N.T. teaching on the believer's "**position in Christ**".

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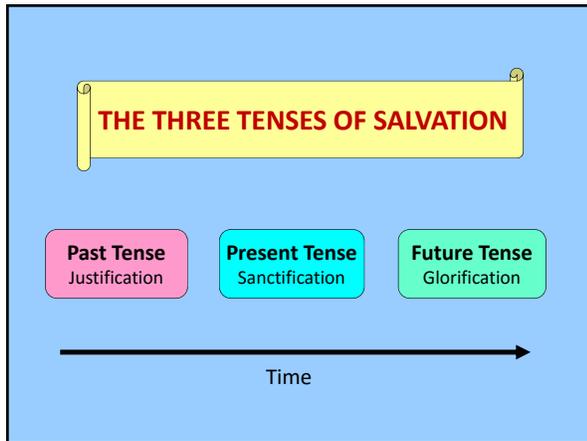
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**THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION**

**What has occurred here?**

**Past Tense**  
Justification

- salvation from the *penalty of sin*
- refers to salvation as being *wholly past*
- completed (unchanging) for one who has believed
- from what? – to what?  
– from **eternal death** to **eternal life**

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**THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION**

Phase	<b>Justification</b>	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	<b>Past</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Future</b>
Saved from sin's:	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Power</b>	<b>Presence</b>
Scripture	<b>Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5</b>	<b>Philip 2:12</b>	<b>Rom 5:10</b>

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**THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION**

<b>Justification</b>	<p><b>GOD SAYS...</b></p> <p>Jesus Christ did 100%</p> <hr style="border: 2px solid yellow;"/> <p>This is salvation by <u>GOD'S GRACE</u>.</p>
<b>Past</b>	
<b>Penalty</b>	
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**THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION**

<b>Justification</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:8-9</b>
<b>Past</b>	<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that <b>not of yourselves</b> , <i>it is</i> the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> <b>not as a result of works</b> , so that no one may boast.
<b>Penalty</b>	
<b>Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5</b>	<b>Titus 3:5</b>
	<sup>5</sup> He saved us, <b>not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness</b> , but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

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“Justified from sin” does not mean “sinless perfection,”—but something utterly different, and infinitely beyond that! It is different, in that it does not refer to an “experience” of deliverance from sin, but a passing beyond, in death with Christ at the cross, the sphere where the former relationship to sin existed! We are justified, accounted wholly righteous, with respect to the thing sin itself! This, therefore, is infinitely beyond any state whatever of experience. **It is a newly-established relationship to sin**, which the saints have because they died with Christ: in which they stand in Christ as He is toward sin. They are “meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.” **They are heavenly. Their old relation to sin is over forever. They are justified from it.** They rejoice, indeed, and have a most blessed “experience.” But they do not say sin is gone from their flesh: **but that they, having died, are declared righteous from it; that they are cleared, before God, of all condemnation because of sin’s presence in this unredeemed body; and delivered from all sin’s former rights and bondage over them.**

Newell, W. R. (n.d.). Romans Verse-by-Verse. Grand Rapids, MI: Christian Classics Ethereal Library.

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**THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION**

**Present Tense**  
Sanctification

**What is occurring here?**

- salvation from the *reigning power of sin*
- we are to walk by faith (reckon ourselves dead to sin)
- from what? – to what?  
– **from the power of the Sin Nature to being alive to God**

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**THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION**

<b>Sanctification</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Philippians 2:12–13</b></p> <p><sup>12</sup> So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, <b>work out your salvation</b> with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for <b>it is God who is at work in you</b>....</p>
<b>Present</b>	
<b>Power</b>	
<b>Philip 2:12</b>	

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**THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION**

What will occur here?

Future Tense

Glorification

- salvation from the **presence of sin**
- to Christ
- yet to be saved into full conformity revealed in the last times
- from what? – to what?
  - **from presence** of the Sin Nature **to absence** of the Sin Nature

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**THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION**

**Glorification**  
**Future**  
**Presence**  
**Rom 5:10**

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10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, **we shall be saved** by His life.

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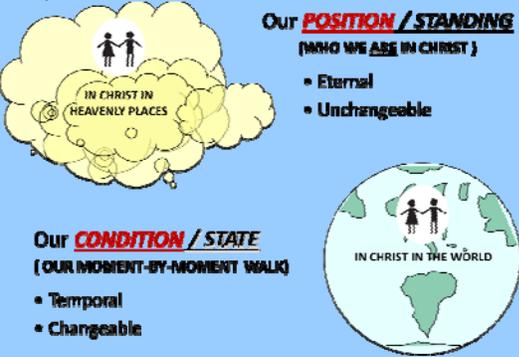
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**Position vs. Condition**

**Our POSITION / STANDING**  
(WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST)  
• Eternal  
• Unchangeable

**Our CONDITION / STATE**  
(OUR MOMENT-BY-MOMENT WALK)  
• Temporal  
• Changeable



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**Position vs. Condition**

**Colossians 2:6**  
Therefore as you **have received** Christ Jesus the Lord (Position), so **walk** in Him (Condition)

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**The Essential Character of The Riches of Divine Grace**



**Positive Aspects** – they are:

- 1) wrought of God;
- 2) wrought **instantaneously**;
- 3) wrought **simultaneously**;
- 4) grounded on the **merit of Christ**.



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**The Essential Character of The Riches of Divine Grace**



**Negative Aspects** – they are

- 1) **not experienced**
- 2) **not progressive**
- 3) in no way **related to human merit**
- 4) **not temporal but eternal** in their character
- 5) **unknown** by any other means than **divine revelation of the Word of God**



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**1. They Are Not Experienced**

They are **POSITIONAL ETERNAL FACTS** based in our justification, our new divine life relationship to God, and are **not experientially observable**.



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**Justification a New Eternal Fact**



To be justified means to be declared righteous. **Because of our position in Christ** (Eph. 2:13), whereby Christ's righteousness is imputed to us (Rom. 5:17; 2 Cor. 5:21), God declares us righteous because we are clothed with his righteousness (Rom. 5:1). This is of course the work of grace (Rom. 3:24)...**Justification is more than simply God viewing the sinner as though he had never sinned. Instead, it is God looking upon the sinner to whom the righteousness of Christ, earned at the cross, has been added.**

Lightner, R. P. (1995). Handbook of Evangelical Theology (p. 383). Grand Rapids, MI: A Historical, Biblical, and Contemporary Survey and Review Kregel Publications.

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**Justification a New Eternal Fact**

**2 Cor. 5:21**

He [God] made Him [Christ] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God **in Him [Christ]**.

The glorious purpose of the Father's act in making Christ "to be sin" was that believers should "become the righteousness of God" in Christ. **This is a bold restatement of the nature of justification.** Not only does the believer receive from God a right standing before him on the basis of faith in Jesus (Phil. 3:9), but **here Paul says that "in Christ" the believer in some sense actually shares the righteousness that characterizes God himself (cf. 1 Cor 1:30).**

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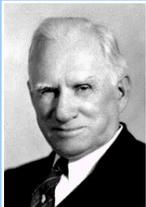
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**Justification a New Eternal Fact**

**Rom 5:1**

Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (cf. 2 Cor. 5:21)



We must note at once that the Greek form of this verb "declared righteous," or "justified," is not the present participle, "being declared righteous," **but rather the aorist participle, "having been declared righteous," or "justified."** You say. What is the difference? The answer is, "being declared righteous" looks to a state you are in; "having been declared righteous" looks back to a fact that happened.

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**2. They Are Not Progressive**



**Every divine undertaking is instantly wrought to that degree of infinite perfection which it will exhibit in the eternal ages to come.** Sonship well illustrates this truth. There are many features of the relation between father and son which are subject to progression and change; but sonship itself knows no advancement or development. A child is as much a son at birth as he is at any subsequent point in his existence. Thus it is with every divine accomplishment that enters into the immediate salvation of men.

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**2. They Are Not Progressive**

**Gal. 3:26**  
For you **are** all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Rom 8:14, 16**  
<sup>14</sup> For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these **are** sons of God...<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we **are** children of God...

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**2. They Are Not Progressive**




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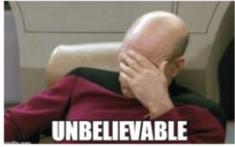
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**2. They Are Not Progressive**



Lorenzo Snow 5th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stated, "As man now is, God once was; As God now is, man may be."



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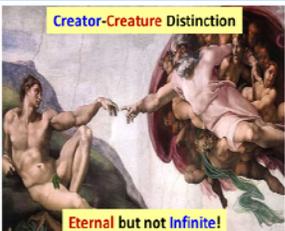
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**2. They Are Not Progressive**

**Creator-Creature Distinction**



**Eternal but not infinite!**



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**3. They Are In No Way Related To Human Merit**

**Romans 5:8**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**GOD SAYS...**

Jesus Christ did 100%

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This is salvation by **GOD'S GRACE**.

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**3. They Are In No Way Related To Human Merit**



Beneath this truth, which truth is foreign to all human processes of life and experience, is the sovereign purpose of God to do all that He does according to His own good pleasure, and this He is free to do because **the believer is seen to be—as he really is—a member in the Body of Christ, and therefore meet to be blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.** Whatever would be accorded the Son of God will be accorded a member in His Body. **It is thus that these riches of grace are built solely on the merit of the Son of God,** and, for that reason, are as abiding as the merit on which they rest.

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**3. They Are In No Way Related To Human Merit**



“...let us avoid the thought that assurance of our sonship is based on our perfect obedience to the Spirit. **Nothing is based upon us.** If one of God’s true saints disobeys, it is the office of that same Spirit to convict him of his sin, interceding in Him “according to God” (Rom. 8:27), while Christ intercedes for him above (1 John 2:1).

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**3. They Are In No Way Related To Human Merit**

**HUMAN MERIT MUST BE EXCLUDED:**

- They are made to stand on the unchanging Person and merit of the eternal Son of God.
- The Christian is “highly favored and “accepted (now and forever) **in the beloved.**”

<p><b>Eph. 1:6</b> “...His grace, which He <b>freely bestowed</b> on us in the Beloved.”</p>	<p><b>Rom 15:7</b> “...accept one another, <b>just as Christ also accepted us</b> to the glory of God.”</p>
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#### 4. They Are Eternal In Their Character

##### HUMAN MERIT MUST BE EXCLUDED:

- The imparted life of God is as eternal in its character as its Fountain Head. Hence the Word of His grace: "I give unto them **eternal life** and they shall never perish."
- The consciousness and personal realization of such relationship to God may vary with the daily walk of the believer; but **the abiding facts of the new being are never subject to change in time or eternity.**

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#### 4. They Are Eternal In Their Character

##### John 6:40

"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have **eternal life**, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

##### 2 Corinthians 4:17

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an **eternal** weight of **glory** far beyond all comparison,

##### 2 Thessalonians 2:16

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us **eternal comfort** and good hope by grace,

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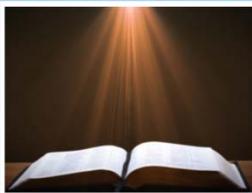
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#### 5. They Are Known Only Through The Divine Revelation of The Word of God

- They defy human imagination, and since they cannot be experienced, their reality can be entered into **only by believing the Word of God.**



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**5. They Are Known Only Through The Divine Revelation of The Word of God**

**Romans 12:2**  
“...be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**...”

**Hebrews 4:12**  
For the word of God is **living and active**...

**1 Thessalonians 2:13**  
“...you received **the word of God** which you heard from us,...not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also **performs its work in you who believe**.”

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**The Essential Character of The Riches of Divine Grace**

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So What are the Riches of Divine Grace?

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**What Should I Take Away From This?**

The Riches of Divine Grace **include all the things which are divinely accomplished in and for the individual** at the moment of believing.



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 **The Riches of Divine Grace**

**33 Riches of Divine Grace**





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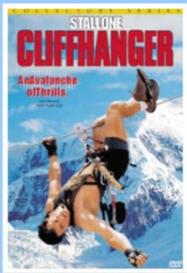
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 **The Riches of Divine Grace**

**33 Riches of Divine Grace**



**HANDOUTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER**

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**Conclusion**

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**What Should I Take Away From This?**

**Romans 8:32**  
 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, **how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?**

**1 Corinthians 2:12**  
 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that **we may know the things freely given to us by God,**

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**What Should I Take Away From This?**



**FOR THE BELIEVER**  
 A **consistent**, victorious, mirroring of our *position in Christ*, in our daily, conditional walk is only realized through **knowing** "Who We Are In Christ" and then **allowing** the Holy Spirit to **manifest** that reality in our mortal flesh.

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**What Should I Take Away From This?**

**John 14:6**  
 Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."**

**FOR THE UNBELIEVER**  
 God has provided a Way for you to have and experience New Life in Christ. This New Life in Christ is received as a free gift, by faith alone, and makes available to you all of God's Divine Riches of Grace.

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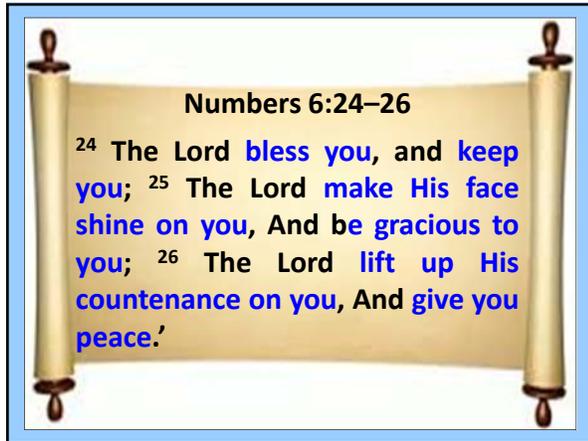
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