

"The Example of Grace Giving"

Text: II Corinthians 8:1-6

Sunday, October 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction: This text and the verses and the portions of Scripture following (8:6 through 10:18) undoubtedly are about giving. Giving in the Bible shows multiple ways to give to God.

For Christians giving begins with the tithe even though some say that tithing is Old Testament Law. Tithing for God's people began before the Law was given and it did not end with the Law in the Old Testament. Consider Genesis 2:15-17; Malachi 3:7-12; and Matthew 23:23 and note there is not a verse to end tithing.

With these things noted, see in the text that this giving is not about tithing but about supporting missionaries and their work.

I. The _____ of Grace Giving (Vs. 1, 6).
(Acts 16:9-12; 17:1, 10)

II. The _____ of Grace Giving (Vss. 2-3).

- A. It begins with God _____ grace (vs. 1).
- B. There are three _____ conditions (vss. 2-4).

III. The _____ of Grace Giving (Vss. 4-5).

- A. The gift of _____ (vs. 4a).
- B. The gift of _____ (vs. 4b).
- C. The gift that came _____ (vs. 5).

Conclusion: Every Christian and every local church should be involved in grace giving (faith promise giving) for the purpose of sending missionaries to carry the Gospel message to the world. In order to do this, one must give the first to the Lord.

Have you given yourself to the Lord and trusted Him as Saviour?
Have you accepted the grace of God and learn to give in accordance with this grace?

“The Exhortation for Grace Giving”

Text: II Corinthians 8:7-15

Sunday, October 18, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Introduction: This text and the verses and the portions of Scripture in II Corinthians 8, 9, & 10 are undoubtedly are about giving. It was established in the first sermon that Christians begin their giving to God by giving a tithe to God through the church.

In Malachi 3 in addition to the tithe we have opportunity to give offerings (note plural) to God for His work on earth.

The churches of Macedonia had learned this lesson well. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth in verses 1-5 of the Macedonian churches' example of grace giving. Now, he begins to exhort, strongly encourage, or challenge this church to follow the example of the Macedonian churches.

I. The _____ for Grace Giving (Vs. 7-10).

A. The _____ of grace (vss. 7-8).

B. The _____ of Christ (vs. 9).

C. The _____ for Christians (vs. 10).

II. The _____ of Grace Giving (Vss. 11-12).

A. Give out of what is _____ (vs. 11).

B. Give with a willing _____ (vss.1 2).

III. The _____ of Grace Giving (Vss. 13-15).

A. It is not to be a _____ (vs. 13).

B. It is to be by _____ (vs. 14).

C. It is by God supplying the _____ (vs. 15).

Conclusion: Grace giving proves our love for God, just as God has proven His love for us by giving His Son for us. Grace giving is done with what God gives us and with a willing mind. Finally, it is not to be a burden but rather in equality as God supplies the need.

It begins by giving self and having a willing mind to be obedient to God plan.

“The Encouragement in Grace Giving”

Text: II Corinthians 9:1-15

Sunday, October 18, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Introduction: The Apostle Paul in writing to the Corinthian Christians concerning “grace giving” that was bestowed upon the churches of Macedonia spells out a very evident example of it. Then, he gives exhortations to understand its purpose and to perform this giving according to God’s plan for grace giving (II Corinthians 8:1-15). In the remainder of the chapter he tells them of the messengers bringing this letter to them.

Now in chapter 9 we have a final exhortation along with some very encouraging words of why we should practice “grace giving.”

I. The _____ in Grace Giving (Vs. 1-5).

II. The _____ in Grace Giving (Vss. 6-7).

- A. The _____ of sowing and reaping (vs. 6).
- B. The _____ of the heart (vs. 7).

III. The _____ in Grace Giving (Vss. 8-15).

- A. God will make grace _____ (vss.8-10).
- B. God will receive _____ (vss. 11-12, 15).
- C. God will receive _____ (vss. 13-14).

Conclusion: Every Christian and every local church should be involved in grace giving (faith promise giving). The Christians that practices giving to God by His enabling grace will always reap the benefits from giving. Grace will abound in their lives.

Yet, the greater rewards are will be that God receives thanksgiving and glory.

Will we as individuals and as a church have a readiness to give by grace when given the opportunity?