



KUTAMA PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH



"Grace" by Rev Samuel Mametsa, Sunday Service, the 9th September 2012.

Scripture reading: John 1:16 *"16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace."* NKJV.

Rom 5:15 *"15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many."* NKJV.

1 Cor 15:10 & 15 *"10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up – if in fact the dead do not rise."* NKJV.

2 Cor 12:9 *"9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* NKJV.

What is grace? Grace is unmerited favour, "unmerited" means that it is favour that is not forced, favour that is out of love.



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Today we are talking about grace. You know nowadays there many people who are frustrated, who do not know why they are living. Maybe it is because we have too much grace which makes people not to know the blessings of God upon their lives. The bible says your grace is special to you only; your grace is not other people's grace. Your grace is sufficient for you; do not compare yourself with other people. The word of God says Paul was crying because of the thorn that he was in his body but God said unto him ***"..my grace is sufficient for you..."***.

Maybe you might feel that your grace is not taking you anywhere but the grace of the Lord is taking you somewhere because God has blessed you with that grace. There are many people who are frustrating the grace of the Lord. The good thing about the grace is that the grace is from God that is why the bible says we have received grace because Christ died for us. Your grace is sufficient for you.

People can declare you dead while you are alive; they are lying they don't know your grace; grace comes from God. No one knows when you are going to die but God.

When the Jews crucified Jesus they forget about His grace. Many people might forget your grace, people might bury your grace and prophesy lies about you but only God knows about your grace. Everything in your life is as a result of the grace of the Lord. Whatever you do is a result of the grace of the Lord. Don't frustrate the grace of the Lord. How can the grace of God bless you and again give you a hard life or let you suffer?



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If your grace is made to move slowly and you are impatient, you end up moving faster and you leave your grace behind and you will end up walking where there is no grace. If you frustrate the grace, you end up passing it and if you are living without the grace you will fall. When you are falling there is no way to say "sorry" but the grace will still be following you slowly. The grace already knows that you are going to collapse and the grace will find you collapsed and pick you up.

If you frustrate the grace it means that you are not humble before God. If someone comes to you and tells you that you won't prosper or insults you, just tell that person ***"..my grace is sufficient for"*** me. ***"If it is my grace that I will leave in poverty, let it be so."*** I don't have to frustrate my grace. God knows when I will become rich or when I will prosper. Don't frustrate the grace of the Lord because the grace of the Lord upon you is sufficient for you.

The bible says the grace works in my weakness, that is why the bible says grace is given the humble, it is not given to people who are full of pride, who think they know better than others. Grace stays in a humble place. John says all of us were given grace but some people are throwing the grace away because they keep on judging other people, living a sinful life of pride.

If you want to be somebody else and your grace is not that of that person, you will collapse because it is not your grace. You cannot use somebody's grace or combine yours with someone's grace. Don't undermine other people or try to frustrate other people.



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The bible says the grace is upon the humble so if you are humble before God, God will uplift you. We have to wait for the grace, when the grace of God comes upon your life, people will not recognise you, they will wonder if it is really you they are seeing. Some people will even collapse when they see you prospering because they have already buried you alive not knowing the grace of the Lord upon your life.

What is good about the grace is that when people undermine or put you down the grace of God upon your life increases. The word of God says when sin increases the grace also increase. People who are talking bad about you, they are demons and that is when the grace of the Lord in your life will increase. When you are facing trials, the grace of the Lord will increase so that you can prevail against them. When they talk about you they are increasing the grace of the Lord upon you.

When God is blessing you with more grace, people who were talking bad about you won't stand in your way or block your success. Wait for your grace and allow the grace to work with you, don't frustrate the grace of the Lord. The bible says God has assigned angels in our lives because of the grace, so when we frustrate the grace the angels will turn against us and there will be no one to protect us.

Grace works according to the assignment and that grace is taking you somewhere and it will never disappoint you because grace comes from God. People of this world cannot give you grace, what they can do is take away your grace and bury you alive but the grace of God will raise you and uplift you.



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Grace doesn't listen to what people say. Grace that is assigned to you cannot listen to what people say about you, whether people say you are going to die, that cannot nullify the grace of God upon your life. Even witches and wizards cannot take away the grace of the Lord that is upon you. Do you really think that the grace of the Lord can allow witches and wizards to play with your life? The grace of the Lord won't allow that to happen to you.

Your grace is sufficient for you. People are frustrating the grace because they want compare themselves with other people and they want to compare their grace with other people's grace. People want to compare things that are not the same. Wait for your grace and walk upon your grace don't try to frustrate your grace. Your prayer daily must be that of crying to God and saying "*God increase my grace*" Tell God to give you back the grace if you have done things that have frustrated your grace.

The thing that makes many people to lose the grace upon their lives is bowing and entering into the houses of the herbalists/ *sangoma* / inyangas. When you engage in ancestral worship, the grace vanishes away from your life. The grace is upon you, that is why in all the letters and books of Paul he says may the grace of the Lord be upon you. Grace needs to be watered; it needs to be protected by the owner. Grace is working on us every day.

You will find a Christian complaining that God is not blessing him but it is because of the grace that is upon that person's life. God is not late



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and he is never late, the situation that you are facing is not that big to God. God knows that what you are going through the grace will manifest itself upon your life.

2 Chron 7:15 " *15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.*" NKJV.

God says my eyes will always be attentive upon your life. You know your grace is the one that makes God to be interested in your life. God says by the grace that is in you, my eyes will be looking upon you and my ears will always listen to the prayers that you are praying to God because of the grace. Even your enemies God is seeing them, even the things that they are using against you God is seeing them and when the grace starts to work in your life people will start saying many bad things about the church you are attending.

You need to nurture your grace, don't allow someone to derail your grace or let someone to frustrate your grace. The grace of the Lord is sufficient for your life. If you know the person who is troubling you just tell them that ***"..my grace is sufficient for..."*** me and there is nothing they can do to take away the grace of the Lord upon your life.

When the attacks come against your life the grace always protects you and will not allow you to be tormented. Even if people hate you they won't be able to nullify the grace of God upon your life. The only person who can take away the grace from your life is God himself not anyone else.



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Don't frustrate the grace because it matters most in your life and if you have the grace you don't have bad luck.

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