

GFBC Thursday Night's Scriptural Study
Lesson # 131
Scripture Reading: II Corinthians 13:11-14 {KJV}
Teaching Verse- 14 {NLT}

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TEXT – II CORINTHIANS 13:14

TITLE – THE BLESSING OF THE BENEDICTION

V-14-{NLT}–“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” The {KJV} says, “**The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.**”

The Blessing Of The Benediction. In the concluding chapter and verse of II Corinthians, the Apostle Paul pronounces a benediction blessing upon the Corinthian congregation.

In the KJV of the teaching text of II Corinthians 13:14, the Apostle Paul said, “**The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.**”

The benediction blessing or the benediction covering comes at the conclusion of a worship service. For the believing worshippers, the call to worship is purposed at the opening of the worship service. The call to worship is purposed declared to set “living sanctuary” into order.

On the other hand, the benediction is purposed to announce and pronounce a blessing upon the people of God as they depart from the gathered assembly. The benediction is the believers’ covering.

The benediction blessing, the benediction covering in the text is the pronouncement of the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost. The benediction prayer request is that the grace of LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost will cover you while you are absent from the gathering place.

The pronouncement blessing is for the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost to overshadow you until the next regathering to worship and praise the living God in the fullness of Himself. The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ will keep, strengthen, and sustain you.

No matter how surprising your unannounced attacks may be, the LORD’S grace is able to heal, deliver, strength, sustain, and keep you from going under or giving up. The benediction is purposed to bless and cover you, while you are absent from the gathering place.

The gathering place is the place where the name, the glory, the power, and the presence of the LORD is. The benediction announcement and the exiting from the gathering place assures you of the inescapable presence of God.

And wherever the LORD’S grace is, the presence of the resurrected LORD Jesus Christ is there. The love of GOD, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost is with you. there.

And wherever the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ is, the presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost will bless, cover, keep, protect, provide, strengthen, and sustain you while we are absent one from another.

When I was a little boy growing up in the south, before the benediction, Deacon Irvin Riggings, Deacon Eddie Lee Riggings, and or Deacon L. H. Dennard would the sing the song, “Blest Be The Tie That Binds.”

The hymn writer said, **“Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love! The fellowship of kindred minds Is like that above. Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our**

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fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear. When we asunder part It gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again” {# 359}.

As a believer, while you are absent from the gathering place, your covering is not of grace alone. Your covering is also the “Cloud” of the Triune God!

And anytime you are covered by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, you are fully covered. And when you are covered by the is-ness of the Triune God, there is nothing that can overtake you without divine approval.

When you are covered by the LORD, the covering of His presence gives you access to the blessings of His favor. Your blessings from your covering is purposed to protect, to encourage, to excite, equip, and upgrade your testimony.

In the Apostle Paul’s benediction blessing in the teaching text. He said, **“The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion {fellowship} of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.”**

Notice if you will! In the teaching text, the Apostle Paul attributes the source of grace to the LORD Jesus Christ. He said, **“The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ.”**

In the New Testament Greek language, the word “of” is in what is called the genitive case. The preposition “of” in the genitive case indicates possession or origin.

In other words, the origin of grace is the LORD Jesus Christ. The LORD Jesus Christ is the possessor of grace.

In the gospel of John 1:14, {KJV}, the Apostle John said, **“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”**

And because the LORD Jesus Christ is full of grace, the totality of creation nor the created creature can exhaust the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ. In the teaching text, notice if you will the order in which the Apostle Paul pronounces his benediction blessing.

And although the benediction blessing is not in chronological order, the sovereignty of God gives Him, self-authority to position Himself in whatever order He chooses. The grace of the LORD Jesus is always in order.

The love of God is always in order. The fellowship of the Holy Ghost is always in order. So, no matter which one comes first, everything that the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ is, it is interwoven with the love, the mercy, and the favor of God.

It is through the of the LORD Jesus Christ that we are saved. The Bible says, **“For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” {Ephesians 2:8}.**

There is sufficiency in the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ. The LORD said, **“My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness” {II Corinthians 12:9}.**

There is no match for the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ. The Lord’s grace is supreme. It is unmatched. It is inexhaustible. The Bible says, the Word **“is full of grace and truth” {John 1:14}.**

The love of God is what helps us to appreciate the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ. The Bible says, **“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” {John3:16, KJV}**.

And when you’ve been saved by grace, loved by God, filled, and indwelt with the Holy Ghost, you will

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be blessed by the covering of the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost.

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