

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17 & Ephesians 2:1-10

**Singing:** 14:1, 3, 4, 7 – 40:5-6 – 179:1-4 – 112:3-4 – 415:3, 5

## Let Us Study Philippians (12)

### God's Gifts of Grace (1)

I. To believe in Jesus Christ II. To suffer for Jesus Christ

#### I. God's Gifts of Grace in Christ is to believe in Him

A. What ranks among the chief gifts of God's grace on earth?

1. Saving Faith in Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior

2. Christianity is primarily a religion of *faith* instead of *works*

a. Rom. 1:17 – 3:22 – 3:28 – 5:1 – Gal. 2:16 – 3:11 – 3:26

3. If you are no stranger of this gift, omit not to give thanks! (Eph. 2:8)

B. There is vast difference between *to believe Him* and *to believe on Him*

1. To believe Him is *a faith even the devils possess* (historical faith)

2. To believe on Him is *the faith that trusts and entrusts oneself to Jesus*

3. But how do I know I have this gift of saving faith?

C. Since 'faith is God's sovereign gift' how then am I to obtain such faith?

1. Some draw wrong application about faith being the gift of God (Eph. 2:8)

a. based on unsound reasoning

b. be guided by God's own speech in Scripture

c. compare your approach to all other aspects of life in which you are as dependent upon God's giving as in faith (1 Sam. 2:7)

2. Instead focus on obeying God's call & invitation to believe on Him

**Living the Truth:**

A. Beloved saints & servants of Jesus Christ: omit not to praise God for gift faith!

B. You who struggle to believe, standing far off, hesitant but longing:

1. Hear God's call to you in Luke 14:15-23

2. Why did they have to compel them to come in?

3. How little they knew the Lord when they thought like that!

a. He is here to receive you – whosoever!

b. He is standing here as the *waiting father* of a horrible son!

c. But He also comes to you as *a pleading father of a goody son!*

3. God's servant must preach glad tidings to sinners in all shapes and colors

**Gospel Invitation**

Come, whosoever will, nor vainly strive to mend.  
Sinners are freely welcome still to Christ, the sinner's Friend.

The guilty, vile, and base, the wretched and forlorn,  
Are welcome to the feast of grace, though goodness they have none.

No goodness He expects, He came to save the poor.  
Poor helpless soul He ne'er neglects, nor sends them from His door.

His tender, loving heart the vilest will embrace.  
And freely to them will impart the riches of His grace.