**THE ABUNDANT GRACE and Mercy OF GOD!!**

Romans 5:20

Sing >..Your Grace and Mercy brought me through….

In the book of Romans Chapter 5 verse 20 it says: ***Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:***

My brothers and sisters, the word of God is saying to us that***... "Where Sin abounded, grace abounded all the more*** " ". "

it means that the more sin increased, and it filled the heart and life of man, the cities in the world, it filled everything, however in spite of all this… ***the grace of God*** increased all the more". Glory to God!

Many believe that God is in heaven, that he is there watching the angels prostrate themselves before him in worship. This is what many think.

The book of God says: ".. .Where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more".

**Beloved,"The abundant grace of God”** today is in the cities, in the homes, in the streets because"where sin is, there you will find the **"The abundant “Charis”(Grace) of God”**. Grace is one of God’s main atributes!

Paul uses this beautiful word **…"grace"** : because The Word actually means"beauty, ".

**As in the Beauty of the Lord!!!**

The Greeks poured into the world all the beautiful meaning of what that word meant to them. The Greeks loved beauty, the beauty of the form, the beauty of the architecture, as in ( buildings etc.) the beauty of poetry, the beauty of the drama, the beauty of the human form. (statues etc.) That was *charis* (Grace)

The New Testament writers took this beautiful Greek word and applied it to the Lord our God. Grace, the *charis* of the Lord our God, who descended from his throne of judgment and in love and mercy, took the punishment for our sins so that we might have eternal life in Christ Jesus, it teaches us what is--**"The abundant grace ( charis) of God”**

So the scripture says…."Where Sin abounded, meaning that " Satan went about accumulating sin upon sin and filling all hearts, life, whole Homes, families, all cities, all nations and polluted the world with sin, stacking it until finally it hid and covered the face and the love of God

Our newspapers and media today highlight the worlds depravity and mens hearts and desperate lives.

It is with this in mind that we cannot forget that "where sin increases, **"The abundant grace of God”**, abounds much more and, overflows to a greater level than sin".

And here are several testimonies in the sacred writings...of **"The abundant grace of God”** which over took the spread of Sin…stopped it dead in its track like a cure for a bad cancer!!!

1. Where Sin abounded in the days of the flood, Noah found **"The abundant grace of God”**  in the eyes of the Lord.

2. Where Sin abounded in the days of the Midianites, **"The abundant grace of God”**  abounded much more in His servant Gideon.

3. Where Sin abounded in the life of the Kings of Israel, **"The abundant grace of God”**  abounded much more in a repentant David.

4. Where Sin abounded in the tragedy of the Babylonian captivity, **"The abundant grace of God”**  abounded much more in the life of Daniel, Ezekiel, Ezra and Nehemiah.

5. Where Sin abounded in the first Adam, **"The abundant grace of God”**  abounded much more in the second Adam (Jesus Christ).

6. Where Sin abounded in the ritual religion of the Sadducees and the Pharisees,

**"The abundant grace of God”**  abounded much more in the bright face of Stephen, the first martyr from the church of God.

7. Where Sin abounded in the persecution of the early Church, **"The abundant grace of God”**  abounded much more in the wonderful conversion of Saul of Tarsus, Paul the Apostle of God became the epitome of the abundant grace of God. For God once told him…Paul **…”My Grace is sufficient for thee!!”**

My brothers and sisters, and dearly beloved, in our lives today…..

1. WHERE SIN abounds for condemnation, there is always an overflowing grace for justification through **"The abundant grace of God”**

2. Where Sin abounds for corruption, the **"The abundant grace of God”** always abounds for purification.

3. Where sin abounds for breaking the law and open the doors of the trial, **"The abundant grace of God”**  abounds for healing and restoration of the brokenhearted.

4. Where Sin abounds for the imprisonment of our souls, **"The abundant grace of God”**  abounds for the captives to be reléased.

5. Where Sin abounds for the consumption of our lives, **"The abundant grace of God”**  abounds to the extinction of the fire of sin.

6. Where Sin abounds for the killing, the massacre and the death of our people, **"The abundant grace of God”**  abounds to bring life, light and resurrection.

The word of God tells us in [Romans 6:23] . ***"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesús our Lord" God's abundant grace is sufficient for us all.***

Paul writes about this subject in another way, as a work, an act of love and mercy that God has done with perfection and completely, wonderfully and beautifully for us.

He saved us. He called us. He gave us **"The abundant grace of God”**  in Jesus Christ. It abolished for us death and brought life and immortality through the Gospel.

We have to take into account that it is something that God made!! God did!! Jonah put it this way down in the belly of the great fish, impotent, how could help himself? In the belly of the great fish Jonah prayed and, in the last sentence of the prayer, in Jonah 2 verse 9 he says: "Salvation is of the Lord".

Helpless and desperate, Jonah prayed: "Salvation, Liberation is of the Lord". **God did this!!.**

Paul wrote in Titus 3:5 thus: ***"He saved us, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy".***

Salvation is of the Lord. It is something that God does for us.

We cannot save ourselves. Creation did not create itself. Only in the confused minds of evolutionists, the pseudoscientists believe that something comes from nowhere, innate matter created itself into the human personality. Beloved, Creation cannot create itself. **God did it. CREATION NEEDED A CREATOR !!!!**

The dead cannot get up. They are hopelessly bedridden in corruption. Nor can a lost sinner save himself. But only thru **"The abundant grace of God”**. God has to do it. All our efforts and all our good works will not be sufficient to get rid of the trial and the death penalty that’s upon us. Good works are a consequence, not the cause of our salvation. We simply praise God and we try to serve him by what he has done for us, but we can't save ourselves. Is it something that God did ! He did so fully and completely.

We are never saved in part by what Jesus did and partly because of what we do. We are saved completely, totally and absolutely by the loving mercy and  **"The abundant grace of God”** and the tender care of Jesus our Lord. This is something extraordinary. When we see a man who thinks that he is saved in part by what Jesus did and in part by what he does, it means he has never really trusted fully in the Lord Jesus. Our salvation depends entirely on him.

It’s like a man who goes to the airport and says: **"I'm going to trust that this plane is going to fly"** but keeps one foot on the ground. Listen, He's never gonna fly. Or you trust or not. Either Fly in the plane or not fly at all. It is not partly Jesus and partly me. It is the whole.

No man through the fight can save itself, to free himself from the death sentence. God has to lift it. God has to release it. It is totally a matter of God. God does it all through **"His abundant grace!** . And in his mercy, the Lord came down and saved us. The us has been released. He has paid our debt. He has covered the demands of the law that we had broken. He has made us free. He has forgiven us. He has saved us. God did it through **"The abundant grace of God”**

Beloved an eternal justice awaits us all. The price of the penalty for our sin and error is seen in this vast cemetery that we call world. It is a place in which to bury our dead but beyond the vast cemetery and the surrounding area, there is a huge wall and a large iron gate. Behind that wall and behind that door of iron is the dying race of mankind, sinning and paying the penalty of sin through death.

I want to present to us tonight a true story, Listen, one day mercy comes and stops ahead of that wall and that iron door, pleading for grace "Oh it cries, "if I could go through this door, and go among those who are about to die and dry their tears. I could ease their pain, I could be for them life, I could be a light and resurrection". And so, Mercy asks Justice: "I want to enter in? Are you going to open the door for me? "

But, Justice responds firmly to the cry of mercy: **"No, the law has been broken.** " This Crime committed demands punishment. "Either they die or justice dies". That is justice.

The Bible says it this way…..

"For The wages of sin is death" [Romans 6:23] . "And the soul that sinneth, must die" [Ezekiel 18:4, 20]. That is justice, we must all pay the fine for violating the laws of God.

But God in **"His abundant grace and Mercy”**  sent an Embassy of angels on a heavenly mission and they see the view and go to mercy who is crying at the iron gate. The angels stop in their mission of ambassadors and ask: Mercy, "Mercy, why are you crying?" And Mercy replies: "Because justice does not open the door so that I can go in and comfort, calm, and bringing hope and life to these humans".

Then, the angels came to Justice and asked justice: "why don't you open the door and let mercy in to help these poor ones of the human race?" And justice responded: "they have violated the law and the law must be fulfilled. **"Either they die or justice dies".**

Then From the Group of angels, one steps forward, like unto the son of God, and coming to justice asks justice: "What are the demands?" And justice responds: "I have to defend the laws, either the universe will disintegrate. Physical laws should be considered, or the loss of gravity, fire loss, loss of explosive movement will be paid. Spiritual and moral laws also must be respected". When God's law are broken, a penalty must be applied, and a debt must be paid this is Justice!!!

Then the Angels that appeared in the form of the Son of God says: "are these your demands? Justice answered with a big..YES! Then the Angel of the Lord said…ok, I am here to pay off the debt". And when The Angel of the Lord said that, I remembered the riches of our Lord in glory. He said: **"I will meet the claims"**, then I remembered the verse: ***Isaiah 53:11 11 You will see the fruit of the distress of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant justify many, and take their iniquities.***

Beloved, "God will see the work of his soul and be satisfied." For that one day, on a hill called Calvary, justice who wanted a payment made for the debt owed and mercy who wanted to enter to bring healing to mankind were waiting for the payment to be made. A signed sealed and delivered price had to be made!!

It Was a unique day, This was a fateful day from the beginning of grace scriptures declare

***Isaiah 53:6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.***

And in accordance with the exact time at the conclusion of the sixtieth time ninth week of Daniel, on top of a hill called Golgotha, the place of the skull, while waiting, Justice turns and asks mercy: "Where is the son of God who promised to pay the debt ?" And mercy responds: "Behold, at the foot of the Hill he comes, carrying his cross, followed by his Church crying".

Then The son of God comes to justice and Justice has in his hands the laws and regulations, as well as sanctions and trials against us. The son of God picks them up and they are nailed to the cross. Then, justice calls and demands death to come to consume the sacrifice.

And death responds: '' already coming. And Justice responds and once you consume this sacrifice, We are going to consume and kill everybody."

Death descends on the offering, the sacrifice, the Lamb of God and consumes the Ordinances and laws, the commandments and the judgments, sanctions, then death consumed the humanity of the son of God. **OH! GLORY to God** my brothers... But when death touched his deity, when death touched his Holiness, when death touched the righteousness of the son of God Death itself was consumed as a man touched by lightning, death was defeated.

Here’s the great news because Despite the darkness of that time, a light began to shine. The trembling of the Earth, opened the tombs of the dead; and on a beautiful Resurrection Sunday morning, the first day of the week, the son of God rose victorious. When mercy saw him it began to cry with joy. ***And when God saw it grace overflowed and overflowed.* "The abundant grace of God”** was victorious!!!!

The Gospel of forgiveness and redemption was preached throughout the land and proclaimed in all the world. Sin was their deadly blow, '' and death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of fire" [Revelation 20:14]. The prison doors were open and the large iron gate too, by her door pass the crowds. Immortality and the resurrection were walking among the graves of the dead. And as the crowd was leaving mass in the prison, the house of death, grief, despair and the trial, sang a song, a song of praise and infinite victory: **YOUR GRACE AND MERCY !!!**

**I’ll sing this Song…your grace and mercy brought me through……..**

The Lamb that was slain is worthy of taking power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and praise. And all creation which is in heaven, and on Earth, and under the Earth and in the sea, and all things that in them there, I heard tell: is he sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise the honour, glory and power, for ever and ever. The four living creatures say: Amen; and the four and twenty elders fell down on their faces and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

[Revelation 5:12-14]

My brothers and sisters that’s the most I can tell you... Salvation ***is a gift of grace and mercy of God.*** It is what Jesus has done for us. He paid our debt. He has gotten rid of the house of death. He has raised us from the dead. And in his hands are the gifts of life and love, the blessing of the eternal sky and forever.

That is why we sing and praise the Lord, and we prostrate in his presence and we love you, we worship you forever throughout the centuries. We are the children of his grace, the sheep of his pasture, a redeemed family village. We are the beloved of our Lord, ***the wealth of Gods Grace*** will remain together?

O our Lord! What heart can do nothing but bowing in worship? What mouth can do nothing but express thanks and gratitude in praises? What soul can do nothing but love God? By what Jesus has done for us. **"The abundant grace of God”** is sufficient for me!!!!!